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# The Evangelical Lutheran SYNOD OF NEBRASKA

of the

## United Lutheran Church In America

THE 59TH

## Annual Convention

HELD IN TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
STAMFORD, NEBRASKA
FEBRUARY 10, 11, 12, 1931
REV. A. W. YOUNG, PASTOR

Including the Proceedings of

## The Women's Missionary Society

of the Synod of Nebraska

50TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
AND GOLDEN JUBILEE
FREMONT, NEBRASKA
August 5-8, 1930

## DATES AND PLACES OF THE MEETINGS OF SYNOD

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1871 | Omaha | |
| 1872 | No Meeting | Absence of Quorum |
| 1873 | No meeting | No meeting appointed |
| 1874 | Fontenelle | |
| 1875 | Nebraska City | |
| 1876 | Omaha | |
| 1877 | West Point | |
| 1878 | Nebraska City | |
| 1879 | Febing | |
| 1880 | Ponca | |
| 1881 | Tekamah | |
| 1882 | Waverly | |
| 1883 | Tekamah | |
| 1884 | Ponca | |
| 1885 | Grand Island | German Church |
| 1886 | Auburn | |
| 1887 | Beatrice | |
| 1888 | Rising City | |
| 1889 | Grand Island | English Church |
| 1890 | Denver, Colo. | Only meeting out of State |
| 1891 | Beatrice | |
| 1892 | Ponca | |
| 1893 | Lincoln | St. Mark's Church |
| 1894 | West Point | |
| 1895 | Wayne | |
| 1896 | Stella | |
| 1897 | Dakota City | Salem Church, near Dakota City |
| 1898 | Nebraska City | |
| 1899 | Beatrice | |
| 1900 | Pawnee City | |
| 1901 | West Point | |
| 1902 | North Plate | |
| 1903 | Benedict | |
| 1904 | Ponca | |
| 1905 | Wilbur | |
| 1906 | Omaha | Grace Church |
| 1907 | Grand Island | |
| 1908 | Hardy | |
| 1909 | Auburn | |
| 1910 | Beatrice | |
| 1911 | Omaha | Kountze Memorial |
| 1912 | North Platte | |
| 1913 | West Point | |
| 1914 | Allen | |
| 1915 | Lincoln | Grace Church |
| 1916 | Omaha | St. Luke's Church |
| 1917 | Grand Island | |
| 1918 | Fremont | |
| 1919 | Omaha | Grace Church |
| 1920 | North Platte | |
| 1921 | Wayne | |
| 1922 | Ponca | |
| 1923 | Emerson | |
| 1924 | Omaha | St. Mark's Church |
| 1925 | Rising City | |
| 1926 | Auburn | |
| 1927 | Fremont | |
| 1928 | Nebraska City | |
| 1929 | Omaha | Church of Our Redeemer |
| 1930 | Davenport | |
| 1931 | Stamford | |

# DIRECTORY OF THE SYNOD OF NEBRASKA

## The Elective Offices

### OFFICERS

President—Term 1931-1934.
The Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., 119 North 40th St., Omaha
Vice President—Term 1931-1932.
The Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D., 2813 North 60 St., Omaha
Treasurer—Term 1931-1932.
Mr. J. H. Miller, M. D., 735 East 8th St., Fremont
Secretary—Term 1931-1932.
The Rev. Fred C. Wiegman, 311 West 5th St., North Platte
Statistician—Term 1931-1932.
The Rev. Henry Dumler, Hampton, Nebraska
Historian—Term 1931-1932.
The Rev Luther M. Kuhns, D. D., Litt. D., 458 Saunders-Kennedy Building, Omaha.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The President of Synod ..... Term 1931-1934
The Secretary of Synod ..... Term 1931-1932
Rev. J. L. Sawyer, York ..... Term1929-1932
Mr. L. J. Saylor, Rising City ..... Term 1931-1932
Mr. O. E. Schellberg, 6013 Florence Blvd., Omaha ..... Term 1930-1933
Rev. G. E. Mortensen, 1326 So. 26th St., Omaha ..... Term 1931-1934
Mr. Gus Prestegaard, Lincoln ..... Term 1931-1934

### TRUSTEES OF MIDLAND COLLEGE

Rev. G. B. Weaver ..... 1929-1932
Rev. O. W. Ebright ..... 1930-1933
Rev. J. C. Hershey ..... 1931-1934
Mr. J. H. Miller ..... 1929-1932
Mr. H. Fischer ..... 1930-1933
Mr. S. A. Wassum ..... 1931-1934

### TRUSTEES OF TABITHA HOME

Rev. R. E. Rangeler ..... 1931-1932
Mr. J. H. Humpe ..... 1931-1932

## The Appointive Offices

**(All appointments made by the Executive Committee)**

### Examining Committee

Rev. G. K. Rubrecht ..... 1929-1932
Rev. G. N. Mendenhall ..... 1929-1932
Rev. O. D. Baltzly ..... 1929-1932
Rev. W. T. Kahse ..... 1930-1933
Rev. J. C. Hershey ..... 1930-1933
Rev. W. C. Heidenreich ..... 1931-1934
Rev. G. P. Kabele ..... 1931-1934

### Midland Assembly Directors

Ex-Officio—(All terms 1931-1932)
Rev. W. I. Guss ..... The Synod of Nebraska (President)
Rev. E. C. Mortensen ..... The Synod of Nebraska (State of Church Committee)
Mrs. Geo. Haase ..... Women's Missionary Society
Mr. O. E. Schellberg ..... Lutheran Brotherhood
Elected—(The organizations nominate; the Executive Committee approves.
Rev. E. N. Spirer, Luther League ..... 1931-1933
Mrs. R. E. Rangeler, Y. W. M. S. ..... 1931-1933
Rev. H. F. Martin, Lutheran Brotherhood ..... 1931-1933

Mrs. M. L. Sturtevant, Light Brigade ..... 1931-1933
Rev. J. L. Sawyer, Midland Assembly ..... 1931-1933
Mrs. K. de Freese, Midland Assembly ..... 1931-1933
Rev. G. N. Mendenhall, Midland Assembly ..... 1931-1933
Rev. L. H. Steinhoff, Midland Assembly ..... 1931-1933

**Ministerial Education Committee**
**Term 1931-1932**

Rev. K. De Freese
Rev. W. A. Klink
Rev. C. B. Harman
Rev. H. C. Cordts
Rev. T. D. Rinde

**Missionary Committee**
**Term 1931-1932**

Rev. C. B. Harman
Rev. W. I. Guss
Rev. C. H. B. Lewis
Mr. A. Hedelund
Rev. H. F. Martin
Rev. W. A. Klink
Rev. F. C. Wiegman
Mr. O. Nelson

**New Congregations and Pastoral Charges Committee**
**Term 1931-1932**

Rev. J. C. Miller
Rev. H. C. Cordts
Rev. G. E. Mortensen

**Protocol Committee**
**Term 1931-1932**

Rev. R. V. Davis
Rev. C. R. Lowe
Rev. C. L. Kauffman

**Reference and Council Committee**
**Term 1931-1932**

Rev. E. A. Vosseler
Rev. T. D. Rinde
Rev. W. C. Stump

**State of Church Committee**
**Term 1931-1932**

Rev. E. C. Mortensen
Rev. O. D. Baltzly
Rev. R. E. Rangeler
Rev. E. A. Dorner
Rev. A. W. Young

**Stewardship Committee**
**Term 1931-1932**

Rev. O. W. Ebright
Mr. Albert Hedelund
Mr. E. Pfleuger
Rev. H. E. Yost
Mr. Fred Kahrs

**Synodical Paper Committee**
**Term 1931-1932**

Rev. W. I. Guss
Rev. C. R. Lowe
Rev. J. J. Raun
Rev. W. H. Saas
Rev. W. M. Daubenspeck

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**(Appointed by the President. All terms 1931-1932)**

**Architecture**

Rev. H. E. Yost
Rev. A. W. Young
Rev. O. W. Ebright
Rev. A. H. Pinkall
Rev. C. H. Kemper
Rev. C. P. Tranberg

**Constitution**

Rev. G. B. Weaver
Rev. G. P. Kabele
Rev. J. L. Sawyer
Mr. Harry Fischer
Rev. L. M. Kuhns
Rev. A. W. Young

**Merging with Other Lutheran Bodies in Nebraska**

Rev. H. F. Martin
Rev. F. C. Wiegman
Mr. Harry Fischer
Rev. G. K. Rubrecht
Mr. E. T. Tramp

**Ministerial Pensions and Relief**

Rev. W. T. Kahse
Mr. I. M. Augustine
Rev. R. A. White
Rev. F. C. Trauterman
Mr. J. E. Jensen
Rev. H. Dowler

**Students in Non-Lutheran Schools**

Rev. G. K. Rubrecht
Rev. W. C. Heidenreich
Rev. C. H. B. Lewis
Rev. R. E. Rangeler

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## SYNODICAL DISTRICTS

1. Northeast—Allen, Dakota City, Emerson, Homer, Hubbard, Ponca, South Sioux City, Wayne.
2. Omaha—Omaha, Tekamah.
3. Southeast—Auburn, Falls City, Nebraska City, Stella, Verdon.
4. Lincoln—Beatrice, Eagle, Hardy, Lincoln, Walton, Wilbur.
5. Fremont—Columbus, Fremont, Hooper, Leigh, West Point.
6. Central—Benedict, Davenport, Ericson, Grand Island, Hampton, McCool Junction, Rising City, Stamford, Wolbach, York.
7. Western—Dalton, Gurley, Lewellen, North Platte, Oshkosh, Paxton, Potter, Sidney, Spencer, Sutherland.

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## CALENDAR FOR 1932

**The 60th Annual Convention will be held in Grace Lutheran Church, West Point, Nebraska.**

**REV. W. A. KLINK, Pastor**

**May 10-11-12, 1932**

**Communion Sermon,** Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, D. D. Alternate, Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, D. D.

**Ordination Sermon,** Rev. H. F. Martin, D. D. Alternate, Rev. O. W. Ebright.

**Chaplain,** Rev. J. L. Sawyer. Alternate, Rev. W. H. Saas.

**Chorister,** Rev. E. A. Vosseler.

**Organist,** Rev. F. A. Kunz.

## ROLL OF MINISTERS

| Pastor | Address | Ord. | Ent. Syn. | Parish | Sessions Attended 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baltzly, O. D., Ph. D., D. D., Ll. D. | 2602 Farnam St., Omaha | 1896 | 1911 | Kountze Memorial | P | P | P | P | E | E |
| Bollman, E., Shickley | | 1890 | 1926 | Retired | E | E | E | E | E | E |
| Cordts, H. C., Wilber | | 1926 | 1925 | First | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Davis, R. V., Hardy | | | | St. Paul | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Daubenspeck, W., Oshkosh | | | | St. Mark, Oshkosh<br>Grace, Lewellen | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| De Freese, K., 2429 Mary St., Omaha | | 1917 | 1916 | Our Redeemer | P | P | P | P | E | E |
| Dorner, E. A., Hildreth | | 1929 | 1929 | St. Paul | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Dowler, H., Spencer | | | | | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Dumler, H., Hampton | | 1926 | 1925 | Emmanuel | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Ebright, O. W., 25th and K Sts., Omaha | | 1919 | 1924 | St. Luke | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Fleck, E. L. 1331 J. St., Lincoln | | 1887 | 1910 | Retired | E | E | E | E | E | E |
| Guss, W. I., D. D., 119 North 40th St., Omaha | | 1899 | 1919 | Synod President | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Harman, C. B., D. D., 503 West 2nd, Grand Island | | 1900 | 1909 | St. Paul | P | P | P | E | E | E |
| Heidenreich, W. C., Wayne | | 1906 | 1928 | St. Paul | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Hershey, J. C., Davenport | | 1917 | 1917 | Christ | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Joens, H., Gurley | | | | Grace, Gurley<br>United, Dalton | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Kabele, G. P., D. D., 325 East 10th, Fremont | | 1898 | 1927 | Salem | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Kahse, W. T., D. D., 413 Central Avenue, Sidney | | 1905 | 1912 | Trinity, Sidney<br>First, Potter | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Kauffman, C. L., Ponca | | 1928 | 1930 | Salem | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Keller, S. L., Fremont | | 1888 | 1910 | Retired | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| Kemper, C. H., Paxton | | 1927 | 1926 | Trinity, Paxton<br>Grace, Sutherland | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Klink, W. A., West Point | | 1917 | 1917 | Grace | P | P | P | P | E | E |
| Kuhns, L. M., D. D., Litt. D. | 458 Saunders-Kennedy Bldg., Omaha | 1886 | 1888 | Retired | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Kunz, F. A., Leigh | | 1929 | 1930 | St. John | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Lewis, C. H. B., D. D., 748 East Military, Fremont | | 1904 | 1925 | U. L. C. Secretary | P | P | P | P | P | A |
| Lowe, C. R., 214 Ninth St., Beatrice | | 1907 | 1913 | Trinity | P | P | P | P | P | P |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lowe, J. A., Ph. D., 3506 Harney St., Omaha | 1878 | 1926 | Retired | E | E | E | E | E | E |
| Martin, H. F., Ph. D., Midland College, Fremont | 1905 | 1925 | College President | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Machetzki, P., Buenos Ayres, So. America | 1915 | 1914 | Missionary | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Mendenhall, G. N., Ph. D., 855 E. Military, Fremont | 1908 | 1922 | Professor | E | E | E | E | E | E |
| Miller, J. C., Allen | 1915 | 1928 | First | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Mortensen, E. C., Benedict | 1920 | 1920 | Zion | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Mortensen, G. E., 1326 So. 26, Omaha | 1920 | 1920 | Grace | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Pinkall, A. H., South Sioux City | 1930 | 1930 | First | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Rangeler, R. E., 3935 Randolph, Lincoln | 1919 | 1921 | St. James, Lincoln<br>Grace, Walton<br>Trinity, Eagle | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Raun, J. J., Ph. D., 1032 East Military, Fremont | 1920 | 1928 | Professor | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Rinde, T. D., 306 South Ninth, Nebraska City | 1924 | 1928 | First | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Rubrecht, G. K., D. D., 1700 High St., Lincoln | 1905 | 1928 | Grace | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Saas, W. H., Dakota City | 1925 | 1924 | Emmanuel | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Sawyer, J. L., 809 Grant, York | 1927 | 1928 | First, York<br>First, McCool Jct. | P | P | P | E | E | E |
| Spirer, E., 25th and K Sts., Omaha | | | St. Luke | E | E | E | E | E | E |
| Steinhoff, L. H., Tekamah | 1929 | 1929 | Immanuel | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Stump, W. C., Omaha | | | | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Trauterman, F. C., Falls City | 1915 | 1930 | St. Paul | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Tranberg, C. P., Homer | | | St. Paul, Homer<br>Trinity, Hubbard | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Vosseler, E. A., Emerson | 1920 | 1923 | St. Luke | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Weaver, G. B., D. D., 2813 North 60, Omaha | 1898 | 1916 | First | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| White, R. A., D. D., Wolbach | 1886 | 1886 | Trinity, Wolbach<br>First, Ericson | P | P | P | E | E | E |
| Wiegman, F. C., 311 West 5th, North Platte | 1927 | 1927 | First | A | P | P | P | P | P |
| Wood, E. G., India | 1928 | 1928 | Missionary | E | E | E | E | E | E |
| Yost, H. E., 2602 Farnam, Omaha | 1926 | 1929 | Kountze Memorial | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Young, A. W., Stamford | 1926 | 1924 | Trinity | P | P | P | P | P | P |

## ROLL OF LAY DELEGATES

| Parish | Delegate | Sessions Attended | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Allen | Clay Wheeler | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Beatrice | C. A. Kimmerling | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| Benedict | Anton Westergreen | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| Columbus | G. Trohfuls | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Dakota City, Emman. | Geo. Neibuhr | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| Dakota City, Salem | M. G. Leamer | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Dalton-Gurley | L. J. Schmidt | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Davenport | Will Keim | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Eagle-Walton | Hendrick Anderson | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| Fremont | F. H. Berhenke | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Grand Island | G. A. Schmidt | P | P | P | E | E | E |
| Hampton | William Enderle | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Hardy | Henry Carmon | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| Hildreth | Paul Knaus | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Leigh | Wm. Eller | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Lincoln-Grace | Gus Prestegaard | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Lincoln-St. James | Kurt Bothe | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| McCool Jct. | Albert Seng | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| Nebraska City | Richard Kimmel | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| North Platte | E. T. Tramp | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Omaha-First | Albert Hedelund | P | P | P | P | E | E |
| Omaha-Grace | J. F. Smith | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Omaha-Kountze M. | Theo. Jansen 1317 S 28 | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Omaha-Redeemer | O. E. Schellberg | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Omaha-St. Luke | Lyle Graham | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Omaha-St. Mark | Otto Nelson | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Paxton-Sutherland | Chas. Johnson | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Potter | Carl Johnson | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Rising City | Anton Skoda | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Sidney | Christ Rohde | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| South Sioux City | Fred Wegner | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Stamford | Otto Lubeck | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Spencer | John Abliedinger | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Stella | Esburn Wheeler | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| Tekamah | Emil Aherns | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Verdon | B. F. Jorn | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Wayne | Arthur Carlson | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| West Point | Fred Kahrs | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Wilber | E. G. Hopkins | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| York | Wm. Madsen | A | A | A | A | A | A |

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### THE COMMUNION SERVICE

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The service of the Common Service Book was used. The Liturgical service was read by Rev. A. W. Young. The Holy Communion Service was conducted by the President.

Rev. W. A. Klink preached the Communion sermon, using as his text I Peter 1:8.

78 pastors and lay delegates communed.

After the Benediction, the Synod recessed.

### THE BUSINESS SESSION

The business session was convened at 3:40 o'clock by the President. The Order for the Opening of Synods was used. The rolls of pastors and lay delegates were called. Forty-three pastors and twenty-four lay delegates responded.

Carried that the first eight pews be made the bounds of Synod.

Rev. J. L. Sawyer read the tentative Report of the Committee on Reference and Council. The Report was adopted.

Rev. W. I. Guss read the President's Report. (See page 51).

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fathers and Brethren:

We have assembled today in the name of Christ who loved the Church and gave Himself for it. We are here to give an account of our Stewardship. We are met to confer and make plans for the future. We will adopt resolutions and recommendations. May the Great Head of the Church, who is our Lord and Master, give us

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| Dakota City, Emman. | Geo. Neibuhr | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| Dakota City, Salem | M. G. Leamer | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Dalton-Gurley | L. J. Schmidt | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Davenport | Will Keim | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Eagle-Walton | Hendrick Anderson | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| Fremont | F. H. Berhenke | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Grand Island | G. A. Schmidt | P | P | P | E | E | E |
| Hampton | William Enderle | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Hardy | Henry Carmon | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| Hildreth | Paul Knaus | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Leigh | Wm. Eller | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Lincoln-Grace | Gus Prestegaard | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Lincoln-St. James | Kurt Bothe | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| McCool Jct. | Albert Seng | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| Nebraska City | Richard Kimmel | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| North Platte | E. T. Tramp | P | P | P | P | P | P |
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| Omaha-Grace | J. F. Smith | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Omaha-Kountze M. | Theo. Jansen 1317 S 28 | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Omaha-Redeemer | O. E. Schellberg | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Omaha-St. Luke | Lyle Graham | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Omaha-St. Mark | Otto Nelson | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Paxton-Sutherland | Chas. Johnson | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Potter | Carl Johnson | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Rising City | Anton Skoda | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Sidney | Christ Rohde | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| South Sioux City | Fred Wegner | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Stamford | Otto Lubeck | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Spencer | John Abliedinger | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Stella | Esburn Wheeler | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| Tekamah | Emil Aherns | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Verdon | B. F. Jorn | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Wayne | Arthur Carlson | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| West Point | Fred Kahrs | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Wilber | E. G. Hopkins | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| York | Wm. Madsen | A | A | A | A | A | A |

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wisdom as we deliberate and council together.

Looking back over the past months, since our last meeting, we have much to remind us of the guidance of a loving Father and to stir our hearts with gratitude for blessings bestowed.

**Resignations**

Name, Place and Date Effective

Rev. H. A. Anspach, North Platte, Sept. 15, 1930.
Rev. H. W. Monesmith, Emerson, Nov. 17, 1930.
Rev. F. C. Wiegman, Nebraska City, Dec. 7, 1930.
Rev. T. D. Rinde, Verdon, Jan. 31, 1931.
Rev. O. D. Baltzly, Kountze Memorial, Omaha, Aug. 31, 1931.

**Dismissals**

Rev. H. A. Anspach, to California Synod, Sept. 16, 1930.
Rev. A. O. Frank, to Rocky Mountain Synod, Nov. 17, 1930.
Rev. H. W. Monesmith, to Pacific Synod, Jan. 31, 1931.

**Calls Accepted**

Rev. Wayne M. Daubenspeck, Oshkosh-Lewellen, July 3, 1930.
Rev. Wm. C. Stump, St . Mark's, Omaha, Aug. 1, 1930.
Rev. Edward N. Spirer, Associate Pastor at St. Luke's, Omaha, Sept. 1, 1930.
Rev. C. P. Tranberg, Homer-Hubbard, Nov. 1, 1930.
Rev. F. C. Wiegman, North Platte, Dec. 14, 1930.
Rev. T. D. Rinde, Nebraska City, Feb. 1, 1931.
*Student, Lightner Swan, Auburn, Jan 25, 1931.
*Student, W. H. Moeller, Hooper, Feb. 8, 1931.

* Subject to ordination.

**Acessions**

Rev. Wayne M. Daubenspeck, from Susquehannah Synod of Central Pennsylvania, Aug. 27, 1930.
Rev. Wm. C. Stump, from Michigan Synod, Sept. 5, 1930.
Rev. Robt. V. Davis, from Rocky Mt. Synod, Sept. 5, 1930.
Rev. Edward N. Spirer, from California Synod, Sept. 27, 1930.
Rev. Hugh Dowler, from Rocky Mt. Synod, Oct. 17, 1930.
Rev. C. P. Tranberg, from Illinois Synod, Nov. 15, 1930.

**Installations**

Rev A. H. Pinkall, South Sioux City, June 29, 1930, by the President.
Rev. Wayne M. Daubenspeck, Oshkosh-Lewellen, Sept. 21, 1930, by the President.
Rev. Robert V. Davis, Hardy, Oct. 19, 1930, by the President.
Rev. Hugh Dowler, Spencer, Oct. 26, 1930, by Dr. H. F. Martin—sermon to Pastor—and the President—sermon to Congregation.
Rev. Wm. C. Stump, St. Mark's, Omaha, Nov. 2, 1930, by Dr. Holmes Dysinger—charge to congregation—and the President—charge to pastor.
Rev. Edward N. Spirer ,Associate Pastor at St. Luke's, Omaha, Dec. 21, 1930, by Rev. O. W. Ebright and the President,, (Sermon to Pastor, Dr. Holmes Dysinger and sermon to congregation, Rev. Hugh E. Yost, on Sept. 4, 1930.)
Rev. F. C. Wiegman, North Platte, Dec. 21, 1930, by Dr. C. H. B. Lewis.

Rev. C. P. Tranberg, Homer-Hubbard, Jan. 25, 1931, by Rev. G. E. Mortensen and the President preaching the sermons.

### Vacancies

Bethel, Benedict has been without services since Jan. 1, 1928.

Bruning has been supplied by a Methodist Pastor. The Methodists and the Lutheran Congregations are worshiping together in the Lutheran church.

Emerson is supplied from the Western Theological Seminary.

Potter is supplied bi-monthly by Dr. W. T. Kahse.

Stella has been supplied by Rev. T. D. Rinde.

Verdon became vacant Feb. 1, 1931.

### Congregations Apply for Membership

The "Trinity United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Dalton, Nebraska," and the "United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Columbus, Nebraska," have placed in the hands of the President formal applications to be received into the membership of this Synod.

### Change of Parishes

"St. Paul's United Church" of Homer and the "Trinity Church" of Hubbard have both placed into my hands a request to be made into a parish to be known as the "Homer-Hubbard Parish."

"Grace Church of Gurley" and the "Trinity United Church of Dalton" have requested that they be formed into a parish to be known as "Gurley-Dalton Parish."

"Trinity Church of Sidney" and "First Church of Potter" request that they be formed into a parish to be known as the "Sidney-Potter Parish."

### Special Committees Appointed

Jan. 28, 1931, I appointed to audit Treasurer Jos. H. Miller's records, Rev. L. H. Steinhoff, Prof. E. M. Stahl, and Prof. D. W. Crouse.

Jan. 29, 1931, Messrs. Ralph Lorberg and O. E. Schellberg were appointed to audit the records of the Treasurer of the Mission Committee, Mr. Albert Hedlund.

At the Request of the Statistical Secretary of the U. L. C. to appoint some one, I appointed Rev. Wm. A. Klink, to attend the meeting of the Synod Statistical Secretaries, at Milwaukee, in October 1930.

### Congregational Activities

Allen—Paid $300.00 on church debt and redecorated church basement.

Auburn—Church interior redecorated. Cost $90.00.

Beatrice—Paid $60.00 for gas range.

Benedict—Oct. 15, 1930, observed 10th Anniversary of Pastor's Ordination.

Dakota, Salem—Paid $35.00 for new church screens.

Davenport—New Church School Hymnals $136.00.

Eagle—Church repapered and tower rebuilt.

Emerson—Paid for new furnace in parsonage, $180.00.

Erickson—Church repainted and new roof.

Falls City—Church repapered. Pulpit and altar rearranged and new coverings installed. Parsonage floors and wood work refinished, cost $200.00.

Fremont—$1,000.00 paid to Board of American Missions. Total paid on debt $2,250.00. Rugs and other equipment for church $500.00.

Grand Island—On October 3, 1930, in a public hall, Dr. C. B. Harman celebrated three anniversaries with friends and members of his congregation, 30 years in the ministry, 30 years of his marriage and 10 years in the present parish. It was a real event and observed in a most becoming manner.

Gurley—Church redecorated and other improvements $100.00.

Hildreth—Pastor given silk robe, church painted, paid $75.00 on school equipment, illuminated cross on church tower donated, 40 elm trees planted on church property, parsonage remodeled.

Hooper—Parsonage and garage painted at a cost of $215.00, other improvements on property $48.00, purchased 20 new choir robes $90.00, paid $52 for new hymnals and paid $535.00 on debt.

Leigh—Installed two art glass windows, new lighting sytem and rubber matting.

Lewellen—Paid for new hymn books $100.00 and side walks $250.00.

Lincoln, Grace—Anniversaries observed, 25th of Pastor's ordination, 40th of Grace Church, 1900 of the Christian Church 400 of the Augsburg Confession. Purchased and paid for property for new church location.

Lincoln, St. James—Parsonage painted.

McCool—$50.00 paid for new hymnals. June 8 observed fifth anniversary of present Pastorate.

North Platte—The congregation celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Church and 10th Anniversary of new church building on June 22-24, 1930. Three former Pastors were present and a rousing congregational get-to-gether was held.

The parsonage has been completely remodeled by changing rooms, redecorating and refinishing interior and installation of furnace at a cost of $1800.00. The exterior of church and parsonage were painted.

Omaha, Benson—Paid $115.00 for new hymn books and $85.00 for repairs on heating system.

Omaha, Kountze Memorial—Paid $520.00 for repairing windows, $425.00 repairing organ, $500.00 new hymn books. Pastor Yost's salary was raised $300.00.

On December 9, 1930, Dr. O. D. Baltzly, on account of seriously impaired health, resigned the pastorate of Kountze Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church, effective August 31, 1931, thereby completing a pastorate of twenty years and three months.

Omaha, St. Mark's—Parsonage redecorated, new lighting fixtures and new roof.

Omaha, Redeemer—Bought new Elliott Addressing Machine. Observed 10th Anniversary of present pastorate by special services and a reception.

Paxton—Expended for painting church and parsonage $200.00 and for floor in church basement $157.00.

Spencer—New Common Service Books purchased, and a pulpit, altar and Bible donated.

Stamford—A garage was built and a bath room with modern fixtures installed at an estimated cost of $500.00.

Stella—Church was repainted.

South Sioux—Observed 5th anniversary of church dedication Sept. 28 and $140.00 were received for church debt. A new furnace was installed.

Sutherland—An individual Communion Set was donated by a member.

Tekamah—Observed July 20, the 5th Anniversary of the dedication of the Church. New oak floor laid in the parsonage at a cost of $200.00.

Verdon—Put a new roof on parsonage.

Wayne—The basement was painted and cupboards were installed at a cost of $385.00 by Ladies Aid.

Walton—Exterior of church painted and parlors redecorated and repaired.

Wilbur—Interior of church redecorated and a garage built. Improvements cost $150.00.

Wolbach—The congregation and the pastor celebrated in a fitting manner the 50th anniversary of the entrance of Dr. R. A. White into the ministry, on Sunday, Sept. 7, 1930. Interior of the church was decorated at a cost of $79.00.

York—Observed the 5th Anniversary of the present pastorate. Church improvements cost $50.00. During the past year $614.00 were paid on debt.

### President's Questionaire

52 "Questionaires" sent to Churches.
5 did not reply.
34 answered promptly.
38 heard sermons on Stewardship.
30 heard sermons on Tithing.
Synod has made recommendations concerning the following:
15 report 10% increase in Communing members.
20 paid 100% or more on apportionment.
25 sent Benevolence to Synod's Treasurer monthly.
3 made temporary use of Benevolence money. It was repaid.
38 paid pastor monthly and others paid up occasionally.
35 use "Duplex Envelopes," or in part of Congregation.
11 made suggestions for good of Synod.

### Church Property Sold

The Grace Lutheran Church building located in the country north east of Oakland was sold by the Trustees for $300.00. The organization still owns and maintains a cemetery near by the lot, on which the Church was located. The title to the ground upon which the Church was built will revert to the original owners.

The Trustees informed me on December 26 that they desired to use the money from the sale of the building for the up-keep of the cemetery property probably as an endowment fund.

### Furniture from Disbanded Churches

The furniture belonging to the Grace Church near Oakland was given by the Trustees to the President. The Communion Set and 31 chairs were given to the United Lutheran Church of Homer. The pulpit, and organ were given to the Trinity Church of Hubbard.

The furniture that belonged to the St. Paul's Church of Oakland when that property was sold, I requested should be given to me to be used in some other church within the bounds of the Synod. The pulpit and pews I have loaned to the First Church of South Sioux City. The piano, secretary's desk, altar, marble top stand, pulpit chairs and organ I have given to the Trinity church of Hubbard.

## INFORMATION

### Ordination Request

Dr. Paul W. Koller, Executive Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, wrote me asking whether the Synod would be willing to authorize the ordination of two candidates living in Argentina, South America. I replied to him that I would be inclined to look with favor upon his request and that I would bring it before this body for final action. I have referred this matter to the Examining Committee for consideration. This Committee will likely bring in some recommendation at this meeting.

### A Protest

A protest came from the President of the German-Nebraska Synod relative to our Mission Committees starting a new work in Co-

lumbus and requested that the matter be brought before a joint meeting of the Adjudication Committees of the two Synods. I referred this protest to our Adjudication Committee. A report will be made on this by the Committee.

### National Lutheran Council

Conditions in the world are such that it is necessary to continue the work of the National Lutheran Council. $70,000 is the budget of the Council. At the Milwaukee Convention the following recommendations were adopted:

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### Midland College Notes

In accord with the authority voted by Synod, (See 1930 Minutes of Synod, page 48) and upon approval of the Executive Committee, the President and Secretary endorsed 12 notes, aggregating a total of $8,100.00 in order to provide credit for Midland College.

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## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**President's Report**
Rev. J. C. Hershey
Rev. C. B. Harman
Rev. L. H. Steinhoff
Mr. Fred Kahrs

**Leave of Absence**
Rev. A. W. Young
Rev. J. C. Miller
Rev. E. A. Dorner
Mr. John Ableidinger

**Resolutions**
Rev. W. C. Heidenreich
Rev. C. R. Lowe
Rev. Henry Dumler
Mr. Theodore Jensen

**New Congregations**
Rev. G. E. Mortensen
Rev. W. T. Kahse
Rev. E. A. Vosseler
Mr. G. A. Schmidt

**Conference Minutes and Reports**
Rev. E. C. Mortensen
Rev. W. C. Stump
Rev. O. W. Ebright
Mr. Clay Wheeler

**Letters and Papers**
Rev. G. P. Kabele
Rev. G. K. Rubrecht
Dr. F. H. Berhenke
Rev. W. H. Saas

**Apportionment**
Rev. T. D. Rinde
Dr. Joseph Miller
Mr. Albert Hedelund
Mr. G. A. Prestegaard

**Speakers and Chaplain**
Rev. O. D. Baltzly
Rev. H. C. Cordts
Rev. G. N. Mendenhall
Mr. O. E. Schellberg

**Publicity or Press**
Rev. H. E. Yost
Rev. C. L. Kauffman
Rev. F. C. Trauterman
Rev. A. W. Young

The following new members of the Synod were introduced: Rev. W. M. Daubenspeck, Rev. W. C. Stump, Rev. C. P. Tranberg, Rev. R. V. Davis, Rev. Hugh Dowler.

Rev. William Harder, fraternal delegate from the German Nebraska Synod, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, D. D., Professor of Exegetical Theology at Western Theological Seminary, Fremont, and Rev. Paul Machetzki, Missionary to South America, representing the Board of Foreign Missions, were introduced

Mr. Louis Schmidt, commissioner from Trinity United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Dalton, Nebraska and Mr. Gus Trohfuls, commissioner from The United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Columbus, Nebraska, were introduced.

Carried to defer the election of the officers until after action on the proposed Constitution.

Mrs. A. W. Young brought greetings from The Woman's Missionary Society of Nebraska. The President responded.

Mr. J. H. Miller read the Treasurer's Report.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Receipts

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash last report | | $ 1,203.69 |
| Received on apportment: | | |
| United Lutheran Church | $21,769.31 | |
| Synod Treasury | 4,457.19 | |
| Ministerial Education | 1,384.20 | |
| Synodical Missions | 1,195.27 | |
| Tabitha Home | 1,877.73 | |
| Midland College | 6,153.70 | |
| Seminary Contingent Fund | 431.84 | |
| Nebraska Synod Lutheran | 582.21 | |
| Salem Church, Fremont | 705.59 | |
| Apportment, undivided | 45.50 | 38,602.54 |
| Received from other sources: | | |
| Synod Treasury | $ 39.21 | |
| Tabitha Home | 516.40 | |
| Midland College | 150.55 | |
| Ministerial Pensions | 7,631.23 | |
| Foreign Missions: | | |
| On debt | 1,744.50 | |
| Proteges | 1,041.00 | |
| Miscellaneous: | | |
| Pacific Seminary | 100.00 | |
| National Lutheran Council | 77.73 | |
| American Missions | 178.38 | |
| Deaf Mute Work | 364.45 | |
| Midland Association | 10.00 | |
| Waterloo Seminary, Ont. Can. | 13.00 | |
| Chinese Famine | 19.00 | |
| Tekamah Sufferers | 29.00 | |
| San Domingo | 15.00 | |
| Refund of Ch. Ex. Loan, Hooper | 100.00 | 12,029.45 |
| | | $51,835.68 |

### Disbursements

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|---|---|---|
| Treasurer United Lutheran Church | | $21,769.31 |
| Tabitha Home | | 2,394.13 |
| Foreign Missions | | 2,785.50 |
| Ministerial Pensions | | 7,531.23 |
| Synodical Missions | | 1,195.27 |
| Midland College | | 6,304.25 |
| Midland College, Seminary Contingent Fund | | 431.84 |
| Nebraska Synod Lutheran | | 530.23 |
| Salem Church, Fremont | | 647.70 |
| Ministerial Education: | | |
| Douglas Printing Company | $ 16.00 | |
| Jessen Werner | 200.00 | |
| Ernest Haugse | 200.00 | |
| George Ellerd | 200.00 | |
| George Krebs | 175.00 | |
| Clarence Alexander | 200.00 | |
| Blaine Simon | 100.00 | |
| Walter J. Chittenden | 100.00 | 1,191.00 |

From Synodical Treasury:

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|---|---|---|
| W. I. Guss | $3,395.96 | |
| Hugh Dowler | 21.00 | |
| J. J. Raun | 7.40 | |
| Harry Fischer | 4.10 | |
| F. C. Wiegman | 94.19 | |
| E. T. Tramp | 72.19 | |
| H. F. Martin | 2.00 | |
| W. A. Klink | 44.35 | |
| J. C. Miller | 9.65 | |
| J. L. Sawyer | 82.72 | |
| United Lutheran Publishing Company | 4.10 | |
| Jos. H. Miller | 60.25 | |
| H. Belle Bliss | 12.30 | |
| Douglas Printing Company | 75.00 | |
| G. B. Weaver | 9.50 | |
| H. A. Anspach | 9.52 | |
| W. A. Young | 5.50 | |
| L. H. Steinhoff | 15.00 | |
| Gus Hahn | 5.25 | |
| F. A. Kunz | 5.25 | |
| Fred Lyder | 5.48 | |
| E. A. Dorner | 3.65 | |
| Carl H. Kemper | 11.02 | |
| T. D. Rinde | 8.00 | |
| O. D. Baltzly | 7.40 | |
| C. R. Lowe | 4.33 | |
| G. E. Mortensen | 15.65 | |
| Ralph E. Rangeler | 37.90 | |
| Acme Printing Company | 250.97 | |
| J. C. Hershey | 20.20 | |
| Manrose Printing Company | 1.35 | |
| Perkins Printing Company | 7.00 | |
| K. de Freese | 7.68 | |
| W. T. Kahse | 32.94 | |
| Ernest Enke | 31.15 | |
| B. M. Boals | 29.25 | |
| A. T. Yost | 28.00 | |
| A. O. Frank | 27.75 | |
| J. J. Johnson | 25.27 | |
| Grant Hultberg | 25.00 | |
| H. C. Cordts | 6.00 | |
| C. B. Harman | 5.18 | 4,526.40 |

Miscellaneous:

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| Pacific Seminary | 100.00 | |
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| Refund on Church Ex. Loan, Hooper | 100.00 | 906.56 |
| Cash on Hand | | 1,622.26 |
| | | $ 51,835.68 |

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Cash on hand as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Undivided apportionment | $ 45.50 | |
| Synod Treasury | 162.35 | |
| Ministerial Education | 876.82 | |
| Nebraska Synod Lutheran | 379.70 | |
| Salem Church, Fremont | 57.89 | |
| Received on Apportionment | | $38,602.54 |
| Received for externals | | 12,029.45 |
| Deficit on apportionment | | 14,546.46 |
| Percentage paid on apportionment | | 72.6% |
| Churches paying apportionment in full | | 23 |

The $3,000.00 note given to Salem Church, Fremont has been paid in full, and note returned.

The loan to St. James, Lincoln was renewed for one year, and new note taken which expires March 31st, 1931. The amount of loan is $500.00 without interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Jos. H. Miller, Treasurer.

Rev. L. H. Steinhoff read the Report of the Auditors of the Report of the Treasurer.

## REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S BOOKS

This is to certify that we have made an examination of the Books of Record of the Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska for the fiscal year 1930, comparing the duplicate receipts and the cancelled checks with the items of record, and find the latter to be in accord with the supporting papers.

The balance on hand, $1,522.26 has been campared with the latest bank statement, and reconciliation proves it to be correct.

Monies received on Apportionment during the year, were distributed to the various funds in accordance with the instructions of Synod, and all receipts for special objects have been properly forwarded to the respective agencies.

We inspected the note held by Synod, for $500, signed by the St. James Church of Lincoln, Nebraska, due March 31, 1931. Student aid notes were presented for our inspection, but we made no attempt to analyze them, in view of the fact that this is done by the Ministerial Education Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. Steinhoff. Chairman

The Treasurer's Report and the Auditor's Report were adopted.

Mr. J. H. Miller presented the Treasurer's Annual Exhibit.

## TREASURER'S ANNUAL EXHIBIT

| | Apport. | Paid | Perecent | Specials | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Allen | $ 586 | $ 254.00 | 43.3 | $ 215.71 | $ 469.71 |
| Auburn | 1,159 | 1,159.00 | 100.0 | 400.63 | 1,559.63 |
| Beatrice | 630 | 370.00 | 58.7 | 170.45 | 540.45 |
| Benedict, Bethel | 145 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Benedict, Zion | 403 | 403.00 | 100.0 | 54.04 | 457.04 |
| Dakota, Emanuel | 44 | 48.00 | 109.0 | 20.00 | 68.00 |
| Dakota, Salem | 580 | 530.00 | 91.3 | 173.91 | 703.91 |
| Davenport | 920 | 920.00 | 100.0 | 172.38 | 1,092.38 |
| Eagle | 132 | 45.00 | 34.0 | 6.00 | 51.00 |
| Emerson | 1,008 | 763.00 | 76.3 | 202.01 | 965.01 |
| Ericson | 132 | 25.00 | 18.1 | 22.00 | 47.00 |
| Falls City | 630 | 374.00 | 59.3 | 53.00 | 427.00 |
| Fremont | 2,035 | 1,357.00 | 66.6 | 430.00 | 1,787.00 |
| Gurley | 535 | 573.00 | 107.1 | 130.00 | 703.00 |
| Grand Island | 2,835 | 1,723.00 | 67.7 | 693.00 | 2,416.00 |
| Hampton | 630 | 246.50 | 39.1 | 59.00 | 305.50 |
| Hardy | 416 | 217.00 | 52.1 | 21.20 | 238.20 |
| Hildreth | 548 | 450.00 | 82.1 | 139.50 | 589.50 |
| Hooper | 857 | 449.00 | 52.0 | 100.00 | 503.50 |
| Homer | 284 | 24.00 | 8.4 | 10.00 | 34.00 |
| Hubbard | 233 | 6.00 | 2.5 | 0.00 | 6.00 |
| Leigh | 819 | 385.00 | 47.0 | 280.05 | 665.05 |
| Lewellen | 252 | 252.00 | 100.0 | 51.45 | 303.45 |
| Lincoln, Grace | 1,859 | 1,859.00 | 100.0 | 240.00 | 2,099.00 |
| Lincoln, St. Jas | 183 | 195.00 | 106.5 | 56.10 | 251.10 |
| McCool Jct. | 365 | 365.00 | 100.0 | 170.00 | 535.00 |
| Nebraska City | 668 | 310.00 | 46.4 | 183.17 | 493.17 |
| North Platte | 2,419 | 2,419.00 | 100.0 | 693.00 | 3,112.00 |
| Omaha, First | 1,027 | 667.00 | 64.6 | 183.40 | 847.40 |
| Omaha, Grace | 958 | 678.00 | 70.7 | 35.73 | 713.73 |
| Omaha, K. M. | 14,515 | 8,469.00 | 58.3 | 2,920.54 | 11,389.54 |
| Omaha, Redeemer | 1,184 | 1,184.34 | 100.0 | 209.00 | 1,393.34 |
| Omaha, St Luke | 2,167 | 2,172.00 | 100.2 | 477.94 | 2,649.94 |
| Omaha, St. Mark | 1,134 | 1,134.00 | 100.0 | 627.20 | 1,761.20 |
| Oshkosh | 189 | 190.00 | 100.0 | 35.65 | 225.65 |
| Paxton | 617 | 618.00 | 100.0 | 81.39 | 699.39 |
| Ponca | 914 | 627.00 | 68.6 | 55.35 | 682.35 |
| Potter | 158 | 158.00 | 100.0 | 67.77 | 225.77 |
| Rising City | 914 | 914.91 | 100.0 | 547.80 | 1,462.71 |
| Sidney | 548 | 548.00 | 100.0 | 155.00 | 703.00 |
| South Sioux | 718 | 718.00 | 100.0 | 27.00 | 323.00 |
| Stamford | 617 | 340.00 | 55.1 | 101.48 | 441.48 |
| Stella | 126 | 122.80 | 97.4 | 49.04 | 171.84 |
| Sutherland | 195 | 195.00 | 100.0 | 27.00 | 222.00 |
| Tekamah | 334 | 344.00 | 102.9 | 95.00 | 439.00 |
| Verdon | 775 | 228.00 | 29.4 | 278.19 | 506.19 |
| Walton | 347 | 144.00 | 41.5 | 37.00 | 181.00 |
| Wayne | 1,418 | 747.00 | 52.6 | 148.00 | 895.00 |
| West Point | 1,777 | 1,777.00 | 100.0 | 619.10 | 2,3961.0 |
| Wilbur | 328 | 281.00 | 85.6 | 93.20 | 374.20 |
| Wolbach | 554 | 266.00 | 48.0 | 286.00 | 552.00 |
| York | 328 | 328.00 | 100.0 | 82.00 | 410.00 |
| Synod in Session | | 32.99 | | | 32.99 |
| Spencer | | | | 17.86 | 17.86 |
| W. I. Guss | | | | 19.81 | 19.81 |
| J. J. Raun | | | | 5.40 | 5.40 |
| | | $38,602.54 | | $12,029.45 | $50,631.99 |

## Rev. T. D. Rinde read the Report of the Statistician.

### STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA, FOR THE YEAR 1930

The routine work of the Statistician was done as required by Synod.

Reports were received from all but three congregations.

The usual inaccuracies were present in the reports again this year.

An analysis of the tabled reports reveals the following interesting facts:

With regard to membership:

39 congregations increased their baptized membership during the year; 7 decreased their baptized membership and 2 remained stationary.

41 congregations increased their confirmed membership; 4 decreased and 3 remained stationary.

25 congregations increased their communing membership; 16 decreased and 7 remained stationary.

Theer was a net increase of 869 baptized members, 856 confirmed members and 370 communing members.

In three congregations less than 50% of the confirmed members 50%are communing members; in 12 congregations 50% to 60% of the confirmed members are communing members; in 10 congregations 61% to 70% of the confirmed members are communing members; in 14 congregations 71% to 80% of the confirmed members are communing members; in 11 congregations 81% to 90% of the confirmed members are communing members. Only one congregation reached the ideal of a 100% communing membership.

With regard to Sunday Schools:

In 19 schools the membership was increased and in 19 there was a decrease, with 9 remaining stationary. There was a net increase of

There was a decided decrease in the number of subscriptions to church papers.

With regard to Church Property:

11 congregations increased the value of their property, while there was a decrease in the value of 4 properties. There was a general increase of $14,351. The property of 29 congregations is free of indebtedness, 3 congregations increased the indebtedness on their property, and 10 decreased their indebtedness. There was a total decrease in indebtedness on Church Property of $18,417.

The congregational expenses of 25 congregations increased, while in 22 congregations there was a decrease.

23 congregations paid their apportionment in full during 1930, as compared with 19 congregations in 1929. 6 congregations paid excess apportionment in 1930.

There was an increase in unapportioned benevolence in 17 congregations, and a decrease in 27 congregations.

There was a total decrease in benevolence of $2823 and in total expenditures of $3735.

On the whole the reports for 1930 will compare favorably with the records of past years. But there is still room for improvement.

Therefore, let us labor on in the Master's name, that the work of the kingdom allotted to our hands may be well cared for.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas D. Rinde,
Statistical Secretary.

The Report of the Statistician was adopted.
Rev. R. A. White read the Report of the Historian.

### REPORT OF HISTORIAN

Your Historian reports as follows:

1. The clerical register and the card index have been completed to date. Since last report there were four losses from our clerical roll, one by expiration of license, and three by dismissal to other synods. In the same time there were six accessions by letter from other synods, making a net gain of two. There have been 377 accessions to the Synod since its organization in 1871.
2. According to the action of the Synod last year, I had three sets of the minutes of Synod of 1923-1930 inclusive, bound and marked Volume 5, one set is for the Historian, one for the Secretary of the Synod and one for Midland College. The bill for this with a small item of postage was $9.50. The Historian advanced this amount and now asks the Synod to reimburse him.
3. As 1931 is the sixtieth year since the organization of the Synod, I recommend that this anniversary be fittingly observed by the Conferences during their fall meetings.
4. Thirty-five have entered the ministry from Nebraska Synod congregations as follows: Auburn 1, Beatrice 3, Dakota City 6, Emerson 1, Fontenelle 1, Grand Island 1, Lincoln 1, Oakland 1, Omaha 4, North Platte 1, Ponca 3, Stella 3, Tekamah 1, Yutan 1, Surprise 2, Wolbach 4, York 1. Of this number, 12 have come from places classed as urban and 23 from places classed as rural. These figures should impress upon us the necessity of strengthening the churches in our villages and saving those in the country.

Respectfully submitted,
R. A. White, Historian

The Report of the Historian was adopted.
Carried to adjourn.
Prayers were offered by Rev. E. A. Vosseler and Rev H. F. Martin.
Adjourned at 6:05 o'clock.

## SECOND SESSION

### TUESDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 10

Vesper Services were conducted beginning at 8:00 o'clock by the Pastor Loci, assisted by Rev. W. H. Saas, and Rev. G. P. Kabele.

The Synodical sermon: "Following Jesus," was preached by the President on the Text: Luke 18:43.

An offering was received for the Synodical Treasury.

The services were concluded at 9:15 o'clock.

## THIRD SESSION

### WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 11

The Devotional Service was conducted by alternate chaplain, Rev. C. H. Kemper, at 8:15 o'clock.

The business session was opened at 8:45 by the President.

Prayers were offered by Rev. C. H. B. Lewis and Rev. O. D. Baltzly.

The rolls of Pastors and Lay Delegates were called. 42 pastors and 26 lay delegates responded.

The Minutes of the First Session were read, amended, and adopted.

Rev. J. F. Seibert, D. D., representing the Board of Foreign Missions, was introduced.

Rev. Wm. Harder brought fraternal greetings from the German Nebraska Synod, stating that his wish and prayer were that there might be closer co-operation between the two Synods. The President responded, expressing his own hope for a greater harmony.

Carried that the Executive Committee Report be heard following the Report of the Trustees of Midland College.

Carried that the representatives of the Christian Education Fund be heard. Mr. Howard Beaver, director of the campaign; Rev. H. F. Martin, President of Midland College, and Rev. Fred C. Wiegman, chairman of the Nebraska Synod Campaign Committee, presented analyses of the campaign, revealing that less than half the goal of $400,00 had been secured.

Carried that the quota of Zion's parish, Benedict, be reduced to $1,062 by the elimination of the quota for Bethel church.

Rev. H. F. Martin presented the following:

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND CAMPAIGN RESOLUTION

The campaign officers recommend to Synod that the Christian Education Fund Campaign be continued until such time as each congregation may be given opportunity to assist with their contribution, and that Rev. Steinhoff be approved as special help to this end.

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The Resolution was amended to set the time for conclusion of the campaign at the 1932 convention of Synod.

Common consent that the present personnel of the campaign committee be continued.

The Resolution and the Amendment were adopted.

Rev. G. B. Weaver read the Report of the Committee on Constitution.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

Your Committee has attended the sessions of both the North and South Platte Conferences. At both of these Conferences the Constitution was read and considered. Suggestions were made by both Conferences, and the recommendations of these Conferences were made by Dr. G. P. Kabele and Rev. J. L. Sawyer as acted upon by each Conference as recommended by Synod at its last session. The recommendations of both these Conferences as reported to the Committee and accepted by them while present at the Conferences have been incorporated in the Constitution.

As the time for carrying out the further instruction of Synod, page 38 of the 1930 minutes of the Nebraska Synod, last portion of our own report, has been too short for action, we recommend that the Committee be continued to complete this work as ordered by Synod.

### Recommendations

If it is the pleasure of Synod, as the proposed Constitution and By-Laws have been read at the 1929 and 1930 sessions of Synod, as well as at the Conferences, and having been presented to each minister in printed form, we recommend:

1. That the new parts of the Constitution and By-Laws, as the recommendation by the Conferences, be read and acted upon.
2. That the Constitution be adopted as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,
G. B. Weaver, Chairman

The President ruled that Art. XI, Section 5, of the former Constitution had been complied with.

Carried to make consideration of the Report of the Committee on Constitution the first item of the business of the Fourth Session.

Carried to adjourn.

Prayer was offered by Rev. G. P. Kabele.

Adjourned at 11:55 o:clock.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session was convened at 12 noon by the President.

Prayer was offered by Rev. O. W. Ebright.

Rev. L. M. Kuhns read the First Report of the Examining Committee.

Carried that this report be excluded from the printed Minutes.

Rev. K. De Freese read a Recommendation of the Ministerial Education Committee.

Carried to lay the Recommendation on the table.

Rev. L. M. Kuhns read the Second Report of the Examining Committee.

## REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Your Committee has had referred to it applications for membership of:

Rev. Robert V. Davis from the Rocky Mountain Synod.

Rev. Wayne M. Daubenspeck of the Susquehanna Synod.

Rev. W. C. Stump of the Michigan Synod.

Rev. Hugh Dowler of the Rocky Mountain Synod.

Rev. E. N. Spirer of the California Synod.

Rev. C. P. Tranberg of the Synod of Illinois.

By mail vote your committee has approved these applications and the President of Synod has been directed to order their enrollment as members of the Nebraska Synod.

The memorial to the U. L. C. Convention at Milwaukee relative to an uniform standard or plan for the examination of candidates for the ministry, was submitted as directed by Synod.

By unanimous mail vote of the Examining Committee the examination for licensure of students for the ministry was deferred until the close of the Seminary year.

In this connection, we recommend: That Synod authorize the Examining Committee to examine applicants for licensure or ordination at the close of the Seminary year of 1931, and upon the recommendation of the Examing Committee, the President be authorized to arrange for their licensure or ordination.

November 23, 1930 the President of Synod referred to the Examining Committee the question of ordaining Mr. Holz and Mr. Astrada of Buenos Ayres, upon the request of Rev. Paul W. Koller, D. D., Executive Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. This whole matter, by mail vote, was deferred until the meeting of the committee at Stamford.

### Recommendation

Action of the committee in regular session, resulted in the adoption of the following resolution:

THAT: The committee having the request of the Board of Foreign Missions to authorize the ordination of Sub-pastors Mr. Holz and Mr. Astrada and having also heard the fine report of Rev. P. Machetzki in regard to these men, we recommend that President of Synod, upon receipt of proper credentials authorize Rev. Machetzki to ordain these men.

Respectfully submitted,
L. M. Kuhns, Chairman

Carried that the Second Report of the Examining Committee and its recommendation be adopted.

The Recommendation of the Ministerial Education Committee was taken from the table. The Recommendation was adopted. Common consent that it be excluded from the printed Minutes.

Carried to adjourn.

Prayer was offered by Rev. L. H. Steinhoff.

Adjourned at 12:33 o'clock.

## FOURTH SESSION

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Fourth Session was convened at 1:55 o'clock by the President.

Prayer was offered by Rev. C. R. Lowe.

The rolls of Pastors and Lay Delegates were called. 43 pastors and 27 laymen responded.

Carried that the Report of the Committee on Constitution be the order of the day. Carried that Recommendation 1 of the Report be adopted. Rev. G. B. Weaver read the new parts of the Constitution and By-Laws recommended by the Conferences for adoption. Carried that they be incorporated by the Committee in the Constitution.

Carried that inaccuracies, conflictions or contradictions that may result in the Constitution from the insertion of the above be rectified and adjusted by the Committee, without further action by Synod.

Carried that the term "Synodical year" be understood to mean the period of time from one regular annual meeting of Synod to the next, and that this definition be inserted in Art. VIII, Sec. 3 of the Constitution.

Carried that Art. V, Sec. 5, be amended to state that the Statistician shall send out his blanks the last week in December, and that the pastors return the blanks to him by January 31.

Carried that Recommendation 2 be adopted.

The Report as a whole was adopted.

Rev. R. A. White read the Report of the Necrologist.

### REPORT OF NECROLOGIST

Your Necrologist reports:

1. There has not been a death of any of our ministers since 1926. This is an unusual record.

2. While our ranks have not been depleted by death, yet two of our ministers, Rev. Hugh Dowler, and Rev. Robert V. Davis, each has suffered the loss of a mother.
   Resolved that we deeply sympathise with our brothers in their loss of affectionate mothers, and we pray that the precious Gospel which they have used to comfort others may now be their comfort.

3. Resolved that this report be adopted by rising vote while the President of Synod leads in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
R. A. White, Necrologist

The Report of the Necrologist was adopted by a rising vote.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. I. Guss.

Rev. C. B. Harman read the report of the Adjudication Committee.

## REPORT OF ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE

The Adjudication Committee would report that they have held two meetings since the last convention of Synod—one at Fremont, Nebraska, in September, 1930 and another at Columbus, Nebraska, on January 26, 1931—and that it was found impossible to agree as to the question on whether our Synod should continue work at Columbus at the present.

The committee would call the attention of the Executive Committee to an agreement made with the German Nebraska Synod in September, 1919 to have each Synod appoint a committee of three—two ministers and one layman—instead of five as the committee of our Synod is now constituted.

Respectfully submitted,
C. B. Harman

The Report of the Committee on Adjudication was adopted.

Rev. G. E. Mortensen read the Report of the Committee on New Congregations.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEW CONGREGATIONS

1. After having examined the records of the procedure in connection with the application of Trinity United Evangelical Lutheran Church at Dalton, Nebr., for membership in this Synod, and having found that the proper legal steps have been observed, we hereby recommend that their wish be granted.

2. That the request of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Gurley, to be separated from the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church at Sidney, be granted.

3. Furthermore, that the joint request of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Gurley and Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church at Dalton, to be united into one parish, to be known as the Gurley-Dalton Parish, be granted.

4. That the joint request of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sidney and the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Potter, to be united into one parish, to be known as the Sidney-Poter Parish, be granted.

5. That the joint request of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Homer and Trinity Lutheran Church of Hubbard, to be united into one parish, to be known as the Homer-Hubbard Parish, be granted.

6. After having thoroughly examined the records of the procedure in connection with the application of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Columbus, for membership in this Synod, and having found that the proper legal steps have been observed, we hereby recommend that their request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. E. Mortensen, Chairman

Rev. W. I. Guss was elected President for the term of three years. The Secretary declared him elected.

Carried that the Report of the Committee on New

Congregations be made the first item of business of the following session.

Rev. E. Walter, D. D., Superintendent of Tabitha Home, was heard in the interests of his work.

Carried to adjourn.

Prayer was offered by Rev. E. A. Dorner.

Adjourned at 6:30 o'clock.

## FIFTH SESSION

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 11

The Fifth Session was convened at eight o'clock by the President.

Following a hymn, prayer was offered by Rev. L. M. Kuhns.

Messages were brought from their respective boards by Rev. J. F. Seibert, D. D., representing the Board of American Missions, and Rev. Paul Machetzki, missionary to South America, representing the Board of Foreign Missions.

Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, field secretary for the Parish and Church School Board, was heard in the interests of his Board, and also as the representative of the Board of Publication.

By common consent the reading of the Roll Call and the Minutes was omitted.

Carried that the Order of the Day be suspended and the Report of the Trustees of Midland College be heard.

Rev. G. K. Rubrecht read the Report of the Trustees of Midland College.

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF MIDLAND COLLEGE

To the President and members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

Brethren:

Your trustees hereby present the following report relative to Midland College and Western Theological Seminary. Faculty changes—In place of Prof. Gimmestad who is absent on leave of absence, Mrs. Wm. Zimmerman is teaching part time in the English department, Mr. Arthur Nelson is in charge of Debate work and Mr. Lightner Swan is teaching Freshman Public Speaking.

Miss Berniece Thompson resigned as Dean of Women and teacher of courses in Education. In her place we have secured Miss Alma Karstad as Dean of Women and teacher of two courses in English.

Mrs. Winifred Lambie resigned as Instructor of Expression and in her place, Miss Beatrice Fuller has been engaged. Mr. Joe Catlin resigned as Prof. of Physical Education and Coach and in his place we have secured Mr. Karl Lawrence. The department of Home

Economics has ben discontinued and the rooms used by this department have been assigned to the Mechanical Drawing department.

Enrollment—Every department in the college reports an increased attendance amounting to 25% over last year. There is an increase in every college class over last year. The School of Business is the only department of the institution that shows a decreased enrollment. 264 students are enrolled in the 4 college classes, 19 in seminary classes, 85 in extension courses, 67 in the School of Business, 115 in Junior and Senior Fine Arts, Sub-Freshmen—4, Irregulars-7—461.

Western Theological Seminary—The Seminary has enrolled the largest number of students since its removal to Fremont. 19 students are enrolled in its classes.

We have to report that Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, D. D., Dean of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, has joined the staff of the Seminary as professor of Exegetical Theology. He entered upon his duties at the beginning of the semester.

Student Walter Brett Schneider from the Hollywood Lutheran Church became mentally deranged during the Christmas recess. He was confined for a time at Fremont and was transferred to St. Joseph's hospital at Omaha December 26. He died at the hospital Thursday, January 29, and was buried at West Lawn cemetery in Omaha February 2. Pastors Ebright and Spirer made provision for the care of the body and the funeral services were in charge of Dr. Raun and Dr. Martin. A cablegram from his father in Germany requested that we bury the body in this country.

A pleasant occasion was the reception and dinner provided by the seminary students for the students in the college who are preparing for the ministry. Dr. Frederick was the guest of honor and gave the principal address of the evening.

The Campaign—Reports up to date from the various churches in the Nebraska Synod on pledges to the Christian Education fund indicate that 37 of the 52 churches of this synod report $46,977 up to February 10. This is 47% of a goal of $100,000 set for the Nebraska Synod.

Reports from the German Nebraska Synod churches show that 30 out of 85 churches have sent in pledges amounting to $16,458. This represents 33% of the 50,000 goal.

There are 6 out of 16 churches reporting from the Rocky Mountain Synod with a total amount of $4422, which is 59% of the goal of $7500. There are 9 out of 32 churches reporting from the Iowa Synod with a total amount of $5839, which is 39% of the $15,000 goal. There are 14 out of 44 churches reporting from the Kansas Synod with a total amount of $14,264, which is 41% of the $35,000 goal. There are 96 churches reported out of 229 with a total pledge of $185,961 which is 41% of the goal desired.

It is the conviction of your trustees that this campaign should not be concluded until every effort is used to secure pledges from every congregation on the territory of the institution.

**Visit of the Executive Secretary of the Board of Education**

Dr. Gould Wickey, Executive Secretary of the Board of Ed-

ucation rendered valuable aid in the preparation for the campaign, speaking at a number of rallies and holding personal conferences with pastors, officers of synod, and prospective large givers. Dr. Wickey expressed himself to the Executive Committee of the college as much impressed with the faculty and student body of Midland and Western Seminary, that he was convinced of the splendid outlook and great need of the institutions at Fremont and would recommend to the board of Education that they continue their support of these institutions. In a recent letter, Dr. Wickey indicates that he feels sure the Board of Education will make a considerable reduction in the yearly amount given to the college.

### Winter Meeting of Board of Trustees

According to the request of the Board of Education the Board voted to allocate the money received from the Board of Education as follows—$2000 to the seminary budget and $10,000 to the college or 1-6 of the amount received from the Board of Education shall be allocated to the seminary budget and 5-6 to the college budget.

Also that 10% of the amount received from the synods should be allocated to the seminary budget and 90% to the college. At this meeting, a small increase of salary was voted to department heads. This amount was saved by a reduction of the number in faculty numbers.

### Plans for Next Year

The Executive Committee of the college voted to raise the tuition from $80 a semester to $90 a semester. The Finance Committee in conjunction with the President and Business Manager are determined to reduce the expenditures for the year 1931-1932. Part of of this is to be saved by a decrease in the number of teachers and part by a saving in operating expenses.

### The Financial Crisis

The President reports that the following sums are due and payable March 1. On Ward Wells and Dreshman contract—$6000, notes at banks—$5700, St. Lukes Church, Omaha—$2000, payroll—$6300, current bills—$17,000. Not more than $1500 of income is available to meet these pressing obligations.

The maintenance of these institutions is a very serious matter. Fervent and frequent prayer is urged upon our people that we may know the will of God. Further, every pastor and delegate present are entreated to use every effort to secure the utmost in pledges from every member of the congregation.

### Recommendations

1. It is recommended that the Synod express hearty thanks to the firm Ward Wells and Dreshman through its representative, Mr. Howard Beaver, for the excellent service they have given in the Christian Education Campaign and the eight weeks extension of their contract without extra cost.

2. It is recommended that each pastor take definite steps to present, in the near future, to his congregation the extreme need of

the college and seminary, their great value to the life of our Lutheran Church on this territory, and to urge upon them hearty co-operation with representatives of the schools in securing pledges for their maintenance.

Respectfully submitted,
G. Keller Rubrecht

The Report and its recommendations were adopted.
Carried to adjourn.
Prayer was offered by Rev. L. H. Steinhoff.
Adjourned at 10:15 o'clock.

## SIXTH SESSION

### THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 12

The Devotional Service was conducted at eight o'clock by Rev. C. H. Kemper, alternate chaplain.

The Business Session was convened at 8:30 o'clock by the President.

Prayers were offered by Rev. Wm. Harder of the German Nebraska Synod; Rev. C. P. Tranberg; and Rev. R. V. Davis.

38 pastors and 21 lay delegates responded to Roll Call.

The Minutes of the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Sessions were read and adopted.

Rev. G. B. Weaver was elected Vice-President for the term of one year.

Rev. Fred C. Wiegman was elected Secretary for the term of one year.

Rev. H. Dumler was elected Statistician for the term of one year.

Rev. L. M. Kuhns was elected Historian for the term of one year.

Mr. J. H. Miller was elected Treasurer for the term of one year.

Comon consent that in electing the members of the Executive Committee, two laymen be elected at this convention of Synod; one to serve until 1932, the other to serve until 1934.

The Report of the Committee on New Congregations was taken from the table. Mr. Gus Trohfuls, commissioner from the Columbus congregation, and Rev. Wm. Harder, fraternal delegate from the German Nebraska Synod, were heard in connection with the Report.

The Report and its recommendations were adopted.

Rev. G. E. Mortensen was elected Clerical Member of the Executive Committee, term 1931-1934.

Rev. W. A. Klink extended an invitation to Synod to hold its next convention at West Point. The invitation was unanimously accepted.

Carried that the dates of the 1932 convention of Synod be May 10-11-12.

Mr. Gus Prestegaard was elected lay member of the Executive Committee, term 1931-1934.

Mr. L. J. Saylor was elected lay member of the Executive Committee, term 1931-1932.

Rev. J. C. Hershey was elected clerical trustee of Midland College, term 1931-1934.

Rev. W. T. Kahse read the Report of the Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL PENSIONS AND RELIEF

Your committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief desires to call attention to several facts. First, that your Synod received a quota of $49,410 and secured in pledges the amount of $54,842. Of this amount the 20 churches of the North Platte Conference assumed $31,789. The 15 churches of the South Platte Conference $11,357.50 and the Western Conference, consisting of 13 churches, $11,661.50. Second, that up to the early part of January 1931 the amount of $41,274.68 was received from the churches of our Synod for this fund, leaving an unpaid balance of $13,533.32. That of the 48 churches in our Synod which supported the Pension fund, Grace Church, Omaha and First Lutheran, Omaha, St. Paul's Church, Falls City, St. Paul's Church, Hildreth, St. Paul's, Grand Island, Grace Church, Lewellen and First Church, Potter met their obligations in full and deserve to be placed on the honor roll. Third, that of the 18 churches of the North Platte Conference the sum of $10,208.40 is due, the 15 churches of the South Platte Conference $1,826.66, and the 9 Churches of the Western Conference, the amount of $1,556. We again prepared a list of the churches delinquent and the amount of thir pledges unpaid.

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| Allen, First Church | $ 470.00 | Davenport, Christ's | 3.10 |
| Dakota City, Emanuel | $ 5.00 | Hampton, Emmanuel | 37.00 |
| Dakota, Salem | 108.00 | Lincoln, Grace | 872.00 |
| Fremont, Salem | 368.00 | Lincoln, St. Jas. | 130.00 |
| Hooper, Grace | 703.50 | McCool, First | 15.00 |
| Leigh, St. John's | 5.00 | Nebraska City, First | 120.00 |
| Omaha, Kountze Memo. | 4,942.00 | Rising City, First | 12.00 |
| Omaha, Redeemer | 198.00 | Stella, Trinity | 15.00 |
| Omaha, St. Mark's | 295.00 | Walton, Grace | 55.00 |
| Omaha, St. Luke's | 671.50 | Verdon, St. Marks | 76.00 |
| Ponca, Salem | 244.75 | Wilbur, First | 25.00 |
| Tekamah, Immanuel | 64.00 | York, First | 47.50 |
| Wayne, St. Paul's | 88.00 | Ericson, First | 40.00 |
| West Point, Grace | 1,900.00 | Gurley, Grace | 362.00 |
| Homer, St. Paul's | 14.00 | Lewellen, Grace | 116.00 |
| Hubbard, Trinity | 5.00 | North Platte, First | 392.50 |
| Emerson, St. Luke's | 89.40 | Oshkosh, St. Marks | 30.00 |
| So. Sioux City, First | 37.25 | Paxton, Trinity | 129.50 |
| Auburn, St. Paul's | 374.00 | Stamford, Trinity | 355.00 |
| Beatrice, Trinity | 45.00 | Wolbach, Trinity | 58.00 |
| | | Sidney, Trinity | 73.00 |

While your Committee believes that most of our churches have been faithful in meeting their obligations, it is evident that some of our congregations have not taken the matter seriously in meeting the obligations when due. This might be expected of non-Christian people, but we have higher standards. We depend on all who have failed to meet their obligation to this fund, to give this mater immediate attention and validate their pledges without any further delay.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. Kahse

The Report of the Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief was adopted.

Rev. W. I. Guss read the Report of the Mission Committee.

## REPORT OF MISSION COMMITTEE

This report sets forth the activities of your committee for the past nine months.

Our officers are Mr. O. Nelson, President, Rev. W. I. Guss, Secretary and Mr. Albert Hedlund, Treasurer.

The following is a survey of the Missions supported by this committee:

**South Sioux City, First**—Organized in 1920. Rev. Arthur H. Pinkall, a recent graduate of the Western Theological Seminary, assumed full duties as pastor last June. The average attendance in the school is 127, the morning worship 83 and evening worship 53, adult accessions 8 and 120 communing members reported. Apportioned Benevolence was paid in full, a new furnace installed and paid for, a Light Brigade organized and the year closed with $877.00 balance in various organizations. Pastor Pinkall is very optimistic as to the future.

**Lincoln, St. James**—Organized in 1924. Rev. R. E. Rangeler is the pastor. The average attendance at the school 96, at church service 63, communing members 45, a net gain of 32%, apportionment paid with small excess, parsonage painted and other improvements, local operating expenses all paid with exception of paving tax assessment. Students from Martin Luther Seminary conduct liturgical services on Sunday mornings. Pastor Rangeler is trying to make our Mission a going organization. The Pastor continues to serve the Walton-Eagle Parish.

**York, First United**—Organized 1927. Rev. J. L. Sawyer is the pastor. Average attendance at school 47, Church attendance 61, adult members received 14, a net gain of 11% in communing members, confirmed members 98, interest bearing debt reduced $614.00, apportioned benevolence paid in full, total expenditures $2,496.00 or $39.00 per communing member. The Catechetical Class has 13 enrolled. Pastor Sawer writes, "Prospects look good despite the depression." The McCool parish is still served by Rev. Sawyer.

**Spencer**—Organized March 1930. Rev. Hugh Dowler, who graduated from the Western Theological Seminary in 1930, is the pas-

tor. The average attendance in school is 62, morning worship 53, communing members 49, adult members received 15, persons under instruction 10. The Mission has rented the Congregational Church building for all services. Pastor Dowler writes as to outlook, "There could be no brighter."

**Dalton**—This congregation has been in the District and Supreme Courts of the State to have the title to the property determined. This was finally decided last September and on the 28th of that month services were resumed in the church building.

Rev. W. I. Guss, who had been elected the acting pastor of this church and who assumed the responsibility for trying to regain the possession of the church's property, was present and conducted a special reconsecration service.

Rev. Herman Joens, who graduated from the Western Theological Seminary in 1930 is now the supply pastor. This congregation comes with a dismissal from the German Nebraska Synod and requests to be received into our Synod. The Church also comes with the request that it be made part of a parish to be known as the Gurley-Dalton pastorate. The congregation has been reorganized, and a new Constitution adopted.

**Columbus**—About the first of August a committee from Columbus called on the Missionary Superintendent in reference to starting a church in this town. It was suggested that a petition be circulated in order to ascertain the number of persons who might be interested. This petition was given to Rev. W. I. Guss, signed by 109 names, with the request that they be organized into a congregation to be in connection with this Synod. On Sept. 23rd Rev. Guss met with a group of these people and effected an organization, elected temporary officers, appointed committees and arranged for holding regular services and further completing the details of the organization.

Because of a protest from the President of the German Nebraska Synod, this committee held the work in abeyance until the chairman of the Adjudication Committee of our Synod gave information that our Mission Committee might resume work.

Accordingly, on December 15 Superintendent Guss was "instructed and authorized by this committee to proceed with the developing of the work at Columbus." As a result of his work the organization has been completed, services are held regularly and the congregation makes application at this meeting to be received into the membership of this Synod.

**Homer and Hubbard Congregations** have been supplied for some years by the pastor from South Sioux City with bi-monthly afternoon services. During the past summer, Rev. W. I. Guss, Dr. H. F. Martin, Rev. G. E. Mortensen and Rev. W. C. Heidenreich, canvassed this community for the purpose of securing funds toward placing a full-time resident pastor on the parish. About $2300.00 were pledged. A "call" was extended to Rev. C. P. Tranberg and he is successfully taking care of the pastorate. He is living in the parsonage at Homer. The Churches are requesting Synod to form them into a parish which will be self-sustaining.

**Bonesteel, South Dakota**—Rev. Hugh Dowler has been conducting services in this town on Sunday evening. He reports that it is possible that an organization may be effected here in the near future.

**Norfolk**—Recently Rev. Guss had a conference with some laymen from this town. He will visit this place next week and meet with a group of interested persons to discuss the advisability of effecting an organization.

**Dundee**—A splendid group of persons have signed a petition to be organized into a church to be located in this part of Omaha.

**The Annual Mission Survey** was sent to the Board of American Missions with the request for $2,720.00 for established work and $2,000.00 for new work, or a total of $4,720.00 for the year 1931. In reply to our request, Executive Secretary, Dr. F. F. Fry, wrote the following: "At the annual meeting of the Board of American Missions, it was decided to make the amount of the tentative budget for your Synod for 1931, $3,100."

Attached hereto is the Auditor's Report of the Treasurer's Record.

**Recommendation**

"That 3% of the Synodical apportionment be given the committee for the year 1932."

Respectfully submitted,
W. I. Guss, Secretary

Rev. W. I. Guss read the Report of the Auditors of the Mission Committee Records.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT OF MISSION COMMITTEE RECORDS**

Omaha, Nebraska,
January 31, 1931

To the Officers and Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

This is to certify that as of this date we have audited the records of the Synodical Missionary and Church Extension Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, Albert Hedelund, Treasurer, and find same to be correct and in balance.

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| Balance in U. S. National Bank in open checking account as of January 31, 1931 | $230.37 |
| Balance on deposit in Savings Account at U. S. National Bank, Savings Department as of January 31, 1931 | 742.11 |
| Total Balance on Hand as of January 31, 1931 | $972.48 |

The following vouchers were outstanding when the audit was made:

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| Dec. 31 | No. 780 | $80 |
| Dec. 31 | No. 781 | 25 |
| Jan. 29 | No. 782 | 25 |
| Jan. 29 | No. 783 | 20 |

The funds on hand as shown above in the U. S. National, Savings Account, are drawing interest at the rate of 3% per annum,

payable on January and July 1st of each year.

Respectfully submitted,
Auditing Committee
O. E. Schellberg
R. H. Lohrberg

The Report of the Mission Committee and the Report of the Auditors were adopted.

Carried that Synod instruct the Mission Committee to arrange for the reimbursement to the President of Synod of the money he advanced for the litigation in connection with the Dalton Congregation.

Carried to adjourn, to meet at 1:30 o'clock.

Prayers were offered by Rev. J. J. Raun and Rev. W. M. Daubenspeck.

Adjourned at 12:30 o'clock.

## SIXTH SESSION (Concluded)

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 12

The Sixth Session was re-convened at 1:30 p. m. by the President.

Rev. G. B. Weaver presented the following

### RESOLUTION IN RE MISSIONARY SUPERINTENDENT

Whereas, the new Constitution makes provision for a Synodical Missionary Superintendent;

Therefore be it resolved, that until funds for such office shall be available, the President of Synod be continued in the office, as at present, and at the same compensation ($300 annually).

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The Resolution was adopted.

Carried that the Apportionment Committee be instructed to allow $1 per capita, as before, to Midland College, and to add to this amount the apportionment heretofore allowed Salem Lutheran Church.

Carried that the unexpended balance in the Salem Lutheran Church fund be allotted to Midland College.

Carried that the Apportionment Committee be instructed to make the total apportionment on the same basis as before, and to credit any surplus to Midland College.

Carried that the delegates from the Dalton and Columbus congregations be recognized as the accredited delegates to Synod.

Rev. H. F. Martin presented the following

### RESOLUTION IN RE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND CAMPAIGN

Be it resolved that, in view of the vote of Synod to continue the Christian Education Fund campaign, Rev. L. H. Steinhoff be made the special representative of Synod, under the direction of the Executive Committee of Synod and the President of Midland College, to assist congregations in reaching their goals.

Be it further resolved, that his salary be regarded as a matter of campaign expense, so far as this Synod is concerned.

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The Resolution was adopted.

Rev. H. F. Martin presented the following

### RESOLUTION IN RE TREASURER OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND

Be it resolved, that the Nebraska Nynod approve Mr. Fred E. Wood as treasurer of the Christian Education Fund. It is understood that no salary attaches to this office.

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The Resolution was adopted.

Carried that the Secretary of Synod be instructed to confer immediately with the President and executive board of the Women's Missionary Society of Nebraska and convey to them the petition of Synod that they secure release from their obligation to Grace College at Washington, and that their efforts in this direction be confined to aiding Midland College in its present extremity.

Rev. Fred C. Wiegman read the Report of the Executive Committee.

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee has met 7 times since last Synod.

All Committees were appointed as per 1930 Minutes.

The Committee followed the policy of approving all claims of pastorial and lay delegates for travel expense to and from Synod, either in full attendance at Synod or excused by the Leave of Absence Committee, in view of an apparent general misundestanding of the Amendment, page 59, 1929 Minutes.

The policy was adopted of approving all claims for expense by committee members, excepting President's salary, Apportionment funds, and warrants of the Ministerial Education Committee, and all items specifically directed to be paid by the Constitution.

The note of St. James Church, Lincoln, was extended to this meeting of Synod.

The Treasurer of Synod was requested to make bi-monthly reports to the Committee, and the Secretary was instructed to make written reports of each meeting to the Nebraska Synod Lutheran.

Since Midland College was unable to negotiate a loan for the entire $15,000 authorized by Item 3 of the Executive Committee Report, page 49, 1930 Minutes, but did secure several loans from congregations on notes, the President and Secretary were ordered to endorse these several notes.

The Treasurer was instructed to close his books on December 31, 1930, but was authorized to credit to 1930 any benevolences received before January 10, 1931, upon request of the congregation making remittance.

The trustees of Grace Church, Oakland, having revived their organization and disposed of some of their property, the attorney of Synod was asked for an opinion regarding the legal status of the funds of the sale ($500).

**Recommendations**

1. That the note of St. James Church, Lincoln, be extended five years on the same terms.

2. That the Treasurer's books be closed on December 31, each year, but that ten days grace be allowed thereafter.

3. That Synod approve the action of this Committee in ordering the endorsement of the notes of Midland College, as per paragraph 7 above.

4. That the Treasurer of Synod be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee, without power of vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred C. Wiegman, Secretary

The Report of the Executive Committee was adopted.

Rev. Fred C. Wiegman presented the following

**RESOLUTION IN RE TRAVEL EXPENSES OF DELEGATES TO SYNOD**

Whereas, there is now no regulation respecting the payment of the travel expense of delegates to Synod;

Therefore be it resolved (1) That the necessary travel expense of all delegates, lay and clerical, be paid only if they are in full attendance at all sessions of Synod; (2) That excuses for absence be not accepted as equivalent to attendance, unless Synod specifically sets this provision aside in an individual case; and (3) That the expenses of delegates, when paid, be paid in the same percentage as their congregations pay their apportioned benevolence; but that this regulation is not to be construed as affecting the delegates present at this convention of Synod.

The Resolution was adopted.

Common consent that the expenses of Rev. R. A. White summoned home from this convention of Synod, be allowed.

Mr. Theodore Jensen presented the following

**RESOLUTION IN RE REV. O. D. BALTZLY**

Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of the delegates to the 59th Convention of the Nebraska Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America that Rev. O. D. Baltzly, pastor of Kountze Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church of Omaha and a former president of this Synod has been compelled by failing health to tender his resignation after 19 years of successful ministry. His congregation regretfully accepted his resignation and immediately elected him pastor Emeritus by a unanimous vote, showing thereby their confidence in him and their appreciation for the tremendous labor accomplished and the result from that labor. It is pleasing to note the present membership of his church is 4217, with an attendance of 1132 at his last confirmation lecture, a Sunday School attendance of 1230 last

Sunday at the Church and three Missions. Four Missions were established during his ministry. One of them, the Church of Our Redeemer, is now and has been for several years self-supporting. The actual cost of property of the other three Missions is over $30,000 which is clear of debt. He has had 2303 Baptisms, 7 young men now training for the ministry, besides being the author of "Catechetical Evangelization" and "Death Pot in Christian Science" and other publications.

In view of these facts,

Be it Resolved, by the Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran Synod in annual Convention assembled, that we are exceedingly sorry to hear of his resignation and loss of health and through this resolution extend to him our heart-felt sympathy and pray that God will so prolong his life that the things which he is planning on may be brought to fulfillment.

The Resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

Mr. S. A. Wassum was elected lay trustee of Midland College, term 1931-1934.

Rev. G. K. Rubrecht read the Report of the Committee on Student Work in Non-Lutheran Schools.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR STUDENT WORK IN NON-LUTHERAN INSTITUTIONS

Student work at non-denominational schools and state universities is no longer a worthy ideal and a noble experiment in the sphere of religious endeavor. It is an accepted fact, regarded as an important responsibility of the organized church with the necessary means for the proper administration of this branch of the work in the process of rapid and effective development. With a few exceptions the drift of youth is in the direction of the afore-mentioned institutions. It is estimated by statistical experts, including our own Student Secretary Rev. C. P. Harry, D. D., that 85% of our Lutheran youth attending college or University are receiving instruction in non-Lutheran schools. This is very significant and helps us to understand the growing interest of all churches in University Student Work. It also indicates our responsibility very clearly in the matter.

The Lutheran student population at the University of Nebraska shows a slight decrease over the past few years—about 430. Of this number, approximately one-third come from congregations of the Synodical Conference, served by a full-time University Pastor. The rest come under the assumed care of the Committee for Lutheran Student Work, a co-operative committee of representative pastors and laymen from the Nebraska and German Nebraska Synods of the United Lutheran Church, the Nebraska Conference of the Augustana Synod and the United Danish Church. The Committee holds regular monthly business meetings. Prof. Philip Hudson, a member of Grace Church, an experienced worker with young people and familiar with student problems and campus life is the salaried Student Secretary.

responsible to the Committee. In addition to the varied activities of the Lutheran Club, a student organization sponsored by the Committee, the Committee rents and maintains an office with regular office hours in the Temple Building on the University Campus. This office is in charge of the Student Secretary and affords a suitable place for contacts and meetings of student committees as well as for the meetings of the Committee itself. The contact work of the Student Secretary is possibly the mot helpful and far-reaching that the Committee is sponsoring.

The support of the work for the past year has been as follows: Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church $600; Nebraska Conference of the Augustana Synod $200; the Nebraska Synod $200 and the German Nebraska Synod $100.

Some fine work is done at other non-Lutheran institutions in the State, notably at Wayne where Pastor Heidenreich of our Synod and Pastor H. A. Teckhaus of the German Nebraska Synod minister to about 40 Lutheran Students attending the State Normal School. This work has been put on an organized basis during the past year.

**Recommendation**

The Committee recommends that Synod again gives its stamp of hearty approval to the work that is being done in non-Lutheran institutions and that an appropriation of $200 be made for the work of the Lutheran Student Committee at the University of Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,
G. Keller Rubrecht

Rev. R. E. Rangeler read the Report of the Trustees of Tabitha Home.

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TABITHA HOME**

Your Tabitha Family now numbers 135 souls, not including the staff of workers and helpers. Seventy children and sixty-five aged folks look to the Church of Jesus Christ for their daily bread. Again a year has passed without a death in the group of boys and girls, while three women and two men were taken by death during the year. With the constant receiving and dismissing of the guests of Tabitha, we find that during the year 98 children and 72 aged folks received care and shelter at Tabitha Home.

This is a splendid service rendered in the Master's name, but the old, old problem still remains—Tabitha cannot care for all who apply. Both buildings are always crowded, and still others must wait. The living and the dying frequently share the same room. The Tabitha Family is a deeply appreciative family and a constant spirit of thanksgiving to Almighty God is manifest. It is a family which never ceases in prayer and praise.

A noteworthy undertaking was launched during the past year. The cost of food alone has averaged about $10.15 in the past, or $30.45 for each day. TABITHA HOSTS has been the result of a critical need which came with the current depression. A short time ago there was not enough money to pay the bills. The appeal was made for Tabitha Hosts. Prayer was back of this appeal. Many individuals, families, organizations and Congregations have responded

to this striking appeal, and every day the Tabitha family remembers in prayer the ones who are hosts for that meal or that day. Up to Feb. 1st, 1931 $3,477.08 has come in through this movement. Not only is it a wonderful help to Tabitha, but we know that the blessings are many that come to the host who provided the food for a meal or a day.

Many have been the anxious moments at Tabitha because of the business depression, but again thru another year God has lead us on our way. God does answer prayer. Total receipts from all sources for the year were $41,391.88 and the expenses were $40,571.15. The fund for the new and badly needed building now totals $21,910.00, but this is not enough to permit building operations to begin.

From our Nebraska Synod the amounts received are as follows: For Host Fund—$909.26. From Treasurer of the Nebraska Synod, the sum of $2500.87 (including Host Fund) was received and $161.75 was received on the building fund. Tabitha also received from our Synod 17 cases of eggs, 3072 quarts of fruit, vegetables and jellies and a considerable amount of clothing, bed linens, towels, etc. Tabitha is very grateful for all these needed supplies sent in by the different Congregational Societies and organizations.

**Recommendations**

1. We recommend that Tabitha again be alloted 5 percent of the apportionment, the same as last year.
2. We recommend that Synod endorse the Tabitha Host movement and that Pastors recommend this bit of Christian Service to their people.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. Humpe
R. E. Rangeler

The Report was adopted.

Rev. Herman Joens, supply pastor of the Dalton-Gurley parish, was introduced.

Rev. O. W. Ebright presented the regret of Rev. E. N. Spirer that, owing to illness, he was not able to be present at this convention of Synod.

Rev. R. E. Rangeler read the Report of the Delegates to the U. L. C. Convention.

## REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH CONVENTION

The seventh Biennial Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America was held in Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 7-14, 1930. The delegates from this Synod were Revs. W. I. Guss, D. D., A. O. Frank, J. L. Sawyer, W. A. Klink and R. E. Rangeler. Lay delegates were Messrs. Albert Hedelund, A. T. Yost, B. M. Boals, I. M. Augustine and Ernest Enke. All members of the delegation attended the Convention. Total attendance was 532 out of a possible 549, with every one of the 277 clerical delegates present, and 255 out of a possible 272 lay delegates were present.

The printed minutes of the convention have been placed in the hands of all our pastors, hence it is unnecessary to go into detail concerning reports. A few matters, however, are worthy of emphasis.

1. The keynote of the Convention found expression in the President's Report, President Knubel laying before the ministry of the Church the necessity of "clean hands," "pure hearts," a "soul without vanity" and a "tongue purged of all deceitfulness." The spirit of humility and worship was outstanding all through the Convention. Attendance at the devotional Services seemed to every one to be a privilege. That every pastor of the United Lutheran Church read and give serious thought to the ideals set forth in the President's report was the recommendation adopted by the Convention.

2. In connection with the report of the Executive Board, the Commission of Adjudication and the Board of Education, the matter of Seminary policy and control was before the Convention. The final disposition of the matter was the adoption of a recommendation that "the Executive Board, in consultation with the Conference of Synodical Presidents and with the Board of Education, study the Church's arrangements for the training of ministers and teachers and bring recommendations for changes therein to the next Convention." All pastors should study well the statements and reports bearing upon this matter as given in the reports of the Executive Board, the Commission of Adjudication and the Board of Education.

3. The report of the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare is a document worthy of study . Seven Statements on Marriage and Divorse were adopted and will be found on pages 111-112 of the printed minutes. The statement of the Committee on Article XVI of the Augsburg Confession called forth considerable debate. The resolutions on page 155, adopted as amended, is the present statement of the Church on this subject of war.

4. The 1932 and 1933 Budget as recommended by the Executive Board to the Convention was for $2,400,000 and was adopted This represents no increase in the budget. In connection with this matter, the report of the Committee of Fifteen (see pages 46-50 of the printed minutes) is full of interest to every pastor and layman.

5. The report of the Board of Foreign Missions is always a high point in the Convention of the Church. This report covers pages 149-206 of the minutes. Missionaries from all the fields brought their inspiring messages, and a real advance was recorded by the approval of the Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan. We call your attention to the 4th recommendation of the Board which was adopted: "Resolved, that all Congregations in addition to meeting their full apportionment be urged to make special foreign mission contributions for assigned purposes such as Foreign Missionaries, Parishes Abroad and Proteges."

6. The Board of American Missions reports big business in Kingdom Building, with 87 new Missions, one for every 8 days. All the recommendations of this board, (see page 264 of the minutes) were adopted, with the exception of Nos. 4 and 5 which were referred to the Executive Board.

7. The Committee on Lutheran Brotherhoods reports a "rising tide of interest" on the part of the laymen of the church. This was evidenced by the splendid Brotherhood Convention which preceded the Church's Convention. The report of this Committee is worth study by all Brotherhoods, Men's Bible Classes and Church Councils.

8. The Committee on Womens Work presented with their report the report of the Executive Board of the Women's Misionary Society, and their President, Miss Flora Prince, was heard by the Convention. A reading of this item will make for a deeper appreciation of the work our women of the United Lutheran Church are doing.

9. The Committee on Young People's Work brought to light the fact that the Luther League has paid 100% on its apportionment. This announcement was received with considerable enthusiasm by the Convention. At present the objective of the Luther League is $25,000 for Porto Rico.

10. The Nebraska Synod, at its last Convention, requested "the United Lutheran Church in America to prepare a list of subjects in which all candidates for the Lutheran Ministry shall pass a satisfactory examination before the Synod Examining Committee to which they apply for ordination." The fate of this memorial was its reference to the Conference of Presidents of Synods for consideration.

11. Special attention of Synod is called to the resolution on page 340, submitted by Treasurer Miller and adopted by the Convention; to the recommendation of the Board of Publication on page 430, and to the recommendations of the Church Year Book Committee on pages 456 and 457.

The next Convention will be held in Philadelphia in 1932.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. Rangeler
Chairman of delegation

The Report was adopted.

Rev. W. I. Guss read the Report of the Committee on Synodical Paper.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL PAPER**

Four issues of the "Nebraska Lutheran" were published since the last convention of Synod. The mailing list has been recently revised and brought up to date.

Midland College Campaign office paid one-half of the expenses in making this revision. The Campaign office used this mailing list in order to send out literature.

**Recommendations**

1. That publication of the Nebraska Synod Lutheran be continued.

2. That the Committee be instructed to publish not more than six issues, the exact number being a matter for their judgment.

Respectfully submitted,
W. I. Guss, Chairman

The Report was adopted.

Rev. H. C. Cordts read the Report of the Committee on Inner Missions.

## COMMITTEE ON INNER MISSIONS

Nothing has come before your committee demanding its special attention.

We are glad however, to report that while the total contribution to Tabitha Home for the year 1930 showed a marked decrease over the preceding year the gifts from our Synod showed an appreciable increase.

### Recommendations

In view of the fact that 1931 marks the 25th anniversary of Tabitha Home as an institution of our church your committee recommends:

That the congregations of Synod observe this anniversary by holding special services in connection with Tabitha's Annual Visitors Day, June 7th, stressing the need of the present building program and urging a substantial gift for it.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. Saas

The Report was adopted.

Rev. G. E. Mortensen read the Report of the Committee on Ministerial Education.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Your committee on Ministerial Education wishes to report that during the year two meetings were held in Fremont.

Seven Applicants are at present receiving aid from the Ministerial Fund. The appropriations for the scholastic year are as follows:

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| Werner Jessen | College Senior—$200. |
| George Krebs | College Senior—$200. |
| Clarence Alexander | College Sophmore—$200 |
| George Eller | College Junior—$200. |
| Ernest Haugse | College Junior—$200.00. |
| Blaine Simon | College Freshman—$200. |
| Walter Chittenden | College Freshman—$200. |

The semester reports of these students have been examined and their grades have been found to meet the constitutional requirements.

The committee has endeavored to carry out the action of Synod in Executive session at Davenport last May 7th, when we were empowered to collect the money due on notes remaining unpaid by beneficiaries not complying with Article 5, section 4, of the Constitution of Synod. Advised by an Attorney that these notes were collectable, letters were sent, but there was no response and consequently no money collected. It is the opinion of the committee that it is useless to waste further time and effort in this matter except to enter regular legal proceedings.

The duties of this committee require of it the supervision of

beneficiaries and also make it responsible to Synod for the dispensing of the fund and the conduct of students. We therefore wish to solicit greater cooperation on the part of the pastors and professors in the matter of advising young men who may be beneficiaries or who may contemplate asking for financial aid from Synod. Also that it be kept in mind that beneficiaries are at all times amenable to this committee. And further that pastors, professors and church councils, who are members of the Nebraska Synod can not be accepted as legal guarantors.

We wish to recommend:

(1) That the Ministerial Education Committee be granted $1500.00 by the apportionment committee for the next scholastic year.

(3) We recommend that the Synod authorize this committee to enter regular legal proceedings to collect the notes of delinquent beneficiaries.

Respectfully submitted,
K. de Freese

Recommendation (2) was rejected.

Recommendations (1) and (3) were adopted.

The Report was adopted.

Carried that the Committee on Constitution be authorized to have 1200 copies of the Constitution and By-Laws printed.

Mr. Fred Kahrs read the Report of the Committee on Laymen's Movement for Stewardship.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Your Committee for the year just closing is happy to report what we believe to be an awakening of interest among the men of the State in behalf of the work of the church and a desire on the part of many of them to accept their full responsibility as Christian laymen.

Some of the previous reports of this Committee have carried a note of discouragement and disappointment coming through the Pastors' failure to rally the men through stewardship sermons and the broadcasting of appropriate literature through the mail and press. This year we entertain no such feeling of discouragement, for as important as these means might be in the educating and properly informing of our laity, we shall never make any great headway in the Master's work until we begin to DO SOMETHING, or, in other words, put our thoughts into ACTION, which can be done if we have a Men's organization in every church through which the men can work.

With this thought in mind your Laymen's Committee for Stewardship and the State Brotherhood have worked hand in hand during the year and we were more than pleased to have had the distinct honor and unusual pleasure of having had with us during the year, Mr. Arthur P. Black, the National Secretary of the Laymen's Move-

ment for Stewardship. Thriugh the Black meetings we reached the laymen of the state and their Pastors as never before in the history of the Synod, over 400 Laymen and some thirty five or more Pastors attending the seven District Meetings.

As the following table will show, only a few pastors and churches were not represented, and the representation would have been about 95% had we been able to hold our meeting in the North-east District as scheduled, but which we were forced to cancel on account of a conflicting Sunday School Convention date in that section.

| Place of meeting | Churches Represented | Pastors Present | Laymen Present |
|---|---|---|---|
| OMAHA | 5 | 5 | 75 |
| FREMONT | 8 | 6 | 78 |
| AUBURN | 3 | 2 | 40 |
| LINCOLN | 1 | 1 | 70 |
| YORK | 7 | 7 | 60 |
| NORTH PLATTE | 6 | 3 | 50 |
| STAMFORD | 8 | 8 | 40 |
| TOTALS | 38 | 32 | 413 |

The reaction of these meetings has been very favorable. Reports from all parts of the state indicate this and while it may take some time to change practices within the state, which have been with us practically from the beginning, still we believe that the principles brought to our people by Secretary Black, viz:

1. A thorough every MEMBER canvass, not an every FAMILY CANVASS.

2. EVERY member a PLEDGED member.

3. ONE HUNDRED PERCENT to be the minimum paid on apportionment for benevolence.

4. Make offerings for benevolences and payments for current expenses on a more nearly 50-50 basis, without reducing the pledge to current expenses,

are fundamental in the progress of the church and commend them to the Pastors and Laymen for ACTION during the year 1931.

As a Committee, and also as a Synod, we are indebted to Mr. Black, the Laymen's Movement for Stewardship Committee at Washington and the Nebraska State Brotherhood for making these meetings not only possible but a success and further for assuming the entire cost of same without expense to the Synod.

### Recommendations

1. That the month preceding the Every Member Canvas be devoted to the special consideration of the fundamental principles of stewardship, and the pastors and their official families be requested to promote a definite program of stewardship in their congregations throughout the year.

2. That a minimum of the full amount received for benevolences each month be paid monthly to the treasurer of Synod.

3. That the pastors of all congregations and this committee formulate plans for another week of district meetings similar to the meetings held in October 1930.

Respectfully submitted,
O. E. Schellberg, Chairman

The Report was adopted.

Rev. J. J. Raun read the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS**

Your committee wishes to submit the following report:

Due to lack of funds and time it has been impossible for your committee to present in person any appeal in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions. Under these circumstances the committee has used to the fullest extent possible the Nebraska Synod Lutheran as its mouth-piece. In the columns of this paper the committee has attempted to keep before the brethren the great problems and challenge of the foreign fields.

In order that the special Epiphany Appeal of the Board of Foreign Missions might not be overlooked by a single pastor of our Synod two special letters were mailed to all of our pastors.

We feel assured that the response to this appeal will be as splendid this year as it has been during the last two Epiphany seasons. It would not be fair to leave unmentioned a word of appreciation from our Board. One of the secretaries writes to your chairman that if the response of all Synods in the U. L. C. had been in proportion to that of the Nebraska Synod the Board's debt would have been wiped out. In view of this fine response of the past two years we urge our pastors to continue the noble efforts.

The committee would urge every congregation to conduct during the year a season of mission study, enlisting not only the women, but also the men in such study.

Respectfully submitted,
J. J. Raun, Chairman

The Report was adopted.

Mr. Fred Kahrs read the Report of the Lutheran Brotherhood of Nebraska.

**THE REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD OF NEBRASKA**

To the Officers, Pastors and Lay Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

In behalf of the Nebraska State Brotherhood I wish to extend greetings to the Nebraska Synod in this their Fifty-ninth Annual Convention.

Another year has passed and we are pleased to be able to report that we are just a little nearer our goal, which, as you know, is a Brotherhood or a Men's organization in every congregation of the Synod. During the year we are very happy to report that St. Luke's Church, South Side, Omaha, Revs. Ebright and Spirer, Pastors, or-

ganized with a splendid beginning, as did also Kountze Memorial Church of Omaha under the guidance of Dr. Baltzly and Rev. Yost. During the year it was my pleasure to assist North Platte in the reorganization of their men which gives us Brotherhoods in all of the larger congregations of the state with but one exception.

We now have fifteen active Brotherhoods in the State with the promise of at least five more which we hope to have organized before the Annual Meeting of the Brotherhood to be held at Fremont in conjunction with the Pastors and Students Conference during the later part of April.

We are mighty thankful for the co-operation we have received from the Pastors during the past year and feel sure that inasmuch as the Four Main Objectives of the Brotherhood have to do with the improvement of the local congregations that we will not only continue to have the support of the Pastors and laymen of the 15 Brotherhood Congregations but that our Pastors and Laymen of churches who have no Brotherhoods will speedily organize for service in the Master's cause.

Dr. Knubel's recent statement before the Lutheran laymen and Pastors at Milwaukee that 'we are ignorant' of the history and doctrines of our church can only be explained by our indifference in informing ourselves on these vital subjects through the issues of 'The Lutheran' and the Brotherhood monthly organ 'Lutheran Men.' In this connection a recent survey shows that only a small percentage of our pastors and laymen are subscribers to 'Lutheran Men.' Nebraska's quota of subscriptions for the next two years is 200. The subscriptions for this paper covers the entire expense of our National Brotherhood work. Surely every pastor and layman not only wants to have a part in the work of the National Brotherhood but cannot afford to be without the information contained in this valuable paper in church work. Will you, therefore, kindly assist us in the work by laying the matter before the men of your congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
O. E. Schellberg,
President, Nebraska State Brotherhood

The Report was adopted.

Rev. O. W. Ebright read the Report of the Committee on Architecture.

### ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

As nothing was submitted to this committee for consideration during the year we have nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,
O. W. Ebright, Chairman

The Report was adopted.

Rev. O. W. Ebright read the Report of the Committee on Young People's Societies.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

To the Officers of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

The report of the secretary of Young People's Work this time

is very brief, for two reasons. We were not aware of our appointment until quite a little time had elapsed from the time of the last Synod meeting, and too much legal business has been interfering with our League-al work.

However, all units organized report fine progress and several new Legues have been organized. Spencer, Nebraska and Homer, Nebraska have been organized and there may be others of which we are not aware. Both of these organizations show signs of real success.

The Luther League of Nebraska convention at Dakota City in August was probably the best we have ever had altho not the largest. It was quite an experiment holding the convention in a country church but the experiment was very successful. Attendance as sessions was noticeably better than where there were distraction in the cities and towns. The convention this year will be held at Tekamah in August. We want to take this opportunity of inviting you all to that convention. Announcement of the date and program will be mailed to all pastors in the early summer.

We are sorry that we were unable to attend Synod meeting this year but conflicting engagements in St. Peter and Minneapolis prevented. May the meeting be a most successful and profitable one.

Respectfully submitted,
H. W. Fischer

The Report was adopted.

Rev. O. W. Ebright read the Report of the Committee on Evangelism.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM**

The appointment of the present chairman of this committee came too late for anything definitely to be done. But I believe it wise to call attention of the pastors of our Synod who do not conduct regular Adult Catechetical Classes, to the value and possibilities of the same as a method in Evangelism.

There is no question but what adult catechization by classes is the most efficient way to reach the unchurched.

Why? Because it gives a definite program by which you can engage the attention of the unchurched. You cannot see individuals in their homes, or groups of people in various homes, and attain the efficiency in numbers, or in thoroughness of training as you can by having a class of which you have publicly announced the date when it will begin; the number of lectures that will be given; the subjects that will be covered; the date when that class will be received into the Church. It gives a definiteness to your program which fixes the attention of both the church members and the unchurched.

Such a program also gives the consecrated lay workers an opportunity to bring their unchurched friends, acquaintances and relatives under Christian instruction and to Christ. And it establishes and maintains a specific relation of the individual to the Church for a

certain period of time. (Through roll-call, following up absentees, etc.)

The success of those pastors who conduct such classes is the strongest testimony for this plan. Apart from Kountze Memorial which has been built up and its large membership maintained through this method, there are now many of the smaller churches which are making fine, definite and permanent growth by using the adult class method.

There is no community but what has approximately fifty percent or more of its population unchurched. The Gospel of Jesus Christ has not lost its power; the Holy Spirit is still willing and urgent; people will not come of their own accord to the Feast of Salvation, but the King has sent us as servants out to bring them in. So many pastors are so encumbered in making stencils, running organizations and tending to Synodical affairs, etc., that the one purpose for which they were called and to which they have been ordained is almost completely neglected. Christ came to seek and to save that which is lost. The pastor's vocation is being a "fisher of men." We had better leave all other things to less competent hands, or leave them undone, that we might carry out the Master's work of seeking the unsaved.

Respectfully submitted,
O. W. Ebright

The Report of the Committee on Evangelism was adopted.

Rev. E. C. Mortensen read the Report of the Committee on Tithers' League.

### REPORT ON TITHER'S LEAGUE

Your Committee reports that Tithing, as God's plan for financing His Kingdom, has been duly presented and stressed.

By means of the Nebraska Synod Lutheran we have kept this matter before the Churches.

At the South Platte Conference Meeting, the matter of Tithing was given a prominent place on the program. Also, at the District meetings at which Mr. Arthur Black spoke on Christian Stewardship, Tithing was emphasized.

However, we regret to note that but a few inquiries have reached this committee; also, that only 18 out of a possible 38 pastors of this Synod are members of this League.

This Committee believes that pastors who do not believe in Tithing and who do not practice it, can litle inspire their members to tithe.

We recommend that local Leagues be organized and a local Secretary elected, with whom this Committee can keep in constant touch; also, that Tithing be given an important place on the Conference Programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. E. A. Vosseler, Chairman

The Report was adopted.

Rev. H. F. Martin read the Report of the Committee on Merging with other Lutheran Bodies in Nebraska.

**COMMITTEE ON MERGING WITH OTHER LUTHERAN BODIES IN NEBRASKA**

To the President and Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Merging with Other Lutheran Bodies in Nebraska report that no meetings have been held since the last session of Synod. In view of the fact that we have been cooperating with the German Nebraska Synod in the campaign for Christian Education, the committee has not had occasion for a meeting.

**Recommendation**

It is the recommendation that the committee should be continued with a view to the furtherance of better relations between the two Synods.

Respectfully submitted,
H. F. Martin

The Report of the Comittee on Merger with Other Lutheran Bodies in Nebraska was adopted.

Rev. G. P. Kabele read the Report of the Committee on Letters and Papers.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS**

There was referred to your Committee a letter from the Rev. Ralph H. Long, Executive Director of the National Lutheran Council, together with a rather lengthy message which he requested be read to Synod.

Your Committee recommends that the more important items of the message be read to Synod as information.

A recommendation concerning this work is included in the President's Report to Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. P. Kabele, Chairman

The letter of Rev. Ralph Long was read in excerpt.

The Report was adopted.

Rev. J. C. Hershey read the Report of the Committee on President's Report.

**COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Your Committee beg to report as follows:

Our President is to be commended for his faithfulness in the performance of the duties of his office and especially for the diligent care he has given to the churches in some of our neglected fields.

The committee approves the five recommendations in the President's report and recommend them to Synod for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. Hershey

The Report was adopted.

Rev. G. E. Mortensen read the Report of the Committee on Conference Minutes and Reports.

### THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONFERENCE MINUTES AND REPORTS

Your Committee has read the minutes of the North Platte and South Platte and the Western Conferences, and finds that they held profitable meetings last fall. The South Platte Conference met at St. James Lutheran Church of Lincoln, the North Platte Conference met at Leigh, and the Western Conference met at Stamford.

The minutes of these Conferences were read, and nothing appears in them requiring the attention of the Synod. The minutes of the South Platte contains several suggestions to the Committee on the proposed Constitution, which have been referred to that Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. Mortensen, Chairman

The Report was adopted.

Rev. C. R. Lowe read the Report of the Protocol Committee.

### REPORT OF THE PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

Your Committee has examined the printed minutes, comparing them and finds that all items of the protocol appear in the regular order in the printed minutes, which by action of Synod are intended to appear.

There are the ordinary typographical errors which are manifestly errors, in places where all know better, and where none need be led astray, we call no special attention to them. We find one or two reports in long hand which ought not to be, by direction of Synod. We find several reports submitted and incorporated in the Proctocol which are in miserable shape being leters to Synodical Officers which are blue penciled and edited so as "to pass." It makes a smeary report. It is the secretary's right to require these reports to be put in good shape befor he receives them, else he does not need to receive them.

We call attention to the fact that the original copies are to be retained for the protocol. There are several carbon copies found in the protocol.

Respectfully submitted,
C. R. Lowe, Chairman

The Report was adopted.

Rev. T. D. Rinde read the Report of the Committee on Apportionment.

### REPORT OF THE APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

In accordance with the action of Synod which authorized a total budget of $57,100 to cover all specified objects, the committee has made the apportionment for the year 1932 as follows:

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| The United Lutheran Church in America | 53.33% |
| Midland College | 21.25% |
| Synodical Treasury | 11.45% |
| Tabitha Home | 4.58% |
| Home Mission Committee | 2.90% |
| Ministerial Education | 2.80% |
| Synod Paper | .98% |
| Seminary Contingent Fund | 1.75% |
| One-half Tuition of Ministerial Students | .96% |

Basing the apportionment for the several congregations upon the communing membership, the following schedule is submitted for 1932: (Note—For 1931 apportionment see inside front cover page)

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| Allen | $ 602 | Nebraska City | 702 |
| Auburn | 1,110 | North Platte | 2,270 |
| Beatrice | 627 | Omaha, First | 1,041 |
| Benedict | 464 | Omaha, Grace | 1,160 |
| Columbus | 270 | Omaha, K. M. | 14,321 |
| Dalton | 138 | Omaha, Redeemer | 1,191 |
| Dakota, Emmanuel | 44 | Omaha, St. Luke's | 2,527 |
| Dakota, Salem | 614 | Omaha, St. Mark's | 1,028 |
| Davenport | 1,078 | Oshkosh | 113 |
| Eagle | 132 | Paxton | 571 |
| Emerson | 1,028 | Ponca | 959 |
| Ericson | 119 | Potter | 157 |
| Falls City | 1,517 | Rising City | 893 |
| Fremont | 2,602 | Sidney | 565 |
| Grand Island | 2,884 | So. Sioux | 752 |
| Gurley | 539 | Spencer | 307 |
| Hampton | 652 | Stamford | 715 |
| Hardy | 470 | Stella | 107 |
| Hildreth | 596 | Sutherland | 276 |
| Homer | 282 | Tekamah | 407 |
| Hooper | 909 | Verdon | 815 |
| Hubbard | 232 | Walton | 401 |
| Leigh | 909 | Wayne | 1,442 |
| Lincoln, Grace | 1,756 | West Point | 2,508 |
| Lincoln, St. Jas. | 282 | Wilbur | 395 |
| Lewellen | 157 | Wolbach | 665 |
| McCool Jct. | 420 | York | 426 |

T. D. Rinde, Chairman

Rev. L. H. Steinhoff read the Report of the Committee on State of the Church.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH

Thirty-one reports were on time; a second request was sent to 14 pastors, and finally two were called by phone. A total of 47 is tabulated.

As usual, some inconsistencies were noted. Where questions were answered indefinitely, we concluded the pastor didn't know, and classified accordingly.

### Section on Public Worship

**Number of Services:** 30 have one, 16 have two, one has three on Sunday. Three, Auburn, Falls City and Omaha (St. Luke's, have mid-week services; 5 more, Fremont, Gurley, Leigh, Lincoln (Grace), and Sidney, have them during Lent.

**Nature of Services.** English exclusively is used by all but two, Falls City and Leigh, and these have both German and English.

26 use the Common Service Book, 14 the Book of Worship, 5 answer "No" to the question—doubtless some of them use the General Synod Book.

For evening services, 11 have the litergical service, but this includes some who have none in the morning. The balance are informal including evangelistic, song-service, and other forms.

**Attendance at Service.** 28 reported "increasing", 15 "stationary," 4 "decreasing." However, a comparison with last year's reports shows that 16 are fooling themselves, or trying to fool the committee, while 2 are really improving but do not admit it. Actually, 20 are increasing, 15 stationary, and 12 decreasing. 35 churches reporting both years show an increase of only 84 in attendance.

42 Churches, having 5,549 communing members (1929 report), have an attendance of 4,215 at the morning service, an average of 100, and 75% of the communing membership. Including Kountze Memorial, the average is 126, and 70%. 11 churches have an attendance higher than their communing membership: Benedict, Eagle, Hardy, Hildreth, Hooper, Lincoln (St. James), Potter, Stamford, Tekamah, Walton and York.

15 Churches, having a morning attendance of 1,638, have evening services, with 621, an average of 41, and 38% of the morning attendance. Including Kountze Memorial, the average is 83, and 49% of the morning attendance.

Average attendance at the mid-week services is 60.

**Family Worship.** Five—Hampton, Hildreth, Lincoln (St. Jas.) Rising City and Tekamah, report it extensively observed; 3 others, Auburn, Eagle and Hooper, report "Fair;" of these 8, 6 average 56%. 33 report "No," 16 of them averaging 11%. Five don't know, and admit it.

### Section on Festival Seasons

**Festival Days Observed.** 25 report "All" or "All Major", while 21 specifically name Christmas (22), New Year (4), Ash Wednesday (3), Good Friday (7), Palm Sunday (3), Easter (18), Ascension (5), Whitsunday (10), and Reformation (9).

**Lent and Holy Week.** 45 stress them; 1 does not. Lenten objectives center in Deepening of Spiritual Life (13), Devotional Life (12), Evangelism (18), these from 37 who answered the question.

### Section on Lutheran Practice

**Communion Seasons.** 45 have 4, 1 has 5, 1 has 2. The main seasons are January, Easter, Summer, and Fall; exceptions: 1 names Advent, 7 Christmas, 3 New Years, 1 pre-Lent, 1 Holy Week, 4 Whitsunday.

Only 1, Beatrice, has the Preparatory Service regularly the week preceding; 2, Stamford and Tekamah, have it sometimes, 44 say "No," or "immediately before the service."

**Receiving non-Lutherans.** 36 instruct them regularly, 1 "Sometimes," 3 do not. 7 failed to answer. They are received by Baptism (6). Confession or Profession (22), Confirmation (21), Renewal (7), Letter (20).

**Catechetical Instruction.** 22 have a 2-year course; 21 do not. Classes are said to be an aid to Evangelism in these ways: Thorough instruction (5), Personal consecration (5), Missionary spirit (5), Contact with parents (6), Reaching others (4), and other ways.

### Section on Sunday School

**Use of Lutheran Literature.** 40 use it exclusively, 3 "mostly," 3 say "No". In naming the series used, most replies were too indefinite to admit classification. "Graded" may be either Lutheran or International; "International" may be either Graded or Uniform. Only ten gave informative answers to this.

**Evangelism through the Sunday School.** 44 churches report 77 Sunday School scholars baptized and 312 confirmed during the year. 3 did not answer.

A field for Evangelism: 9 schools have no scholars not baptized, which shows either that the pastor is doing remarkably well in baptizing the new scholars, or that the school is not winning others.

15 have 254 not baptized, every growing school should have a number. 15 "don't know," an inexcusable admission, and 8 don't answere, which means the same thing.

Only one reports that all parents of scholars are members of the church; 31 have 608 parents to win; 15 don't know (they should), but only 12 of them admit it, the other 3 say nothing.

Nine churches report 43 baptized members attending other Sunday Schools; 27 have none; 11 don't know or don't say. This is a comparatively small loss.

**Miscellaneous Facts.** 33 churches report 75 Adult Bible Classes with a total enrollment of 1700, which is 25% of their Communing membership of 6800. 8 report indefinitely, which we conclude means they really don't know, and 3 don't answer, which means the same thing. 3 have no Adult classes.

Only one church, St. Lukes of Omaha, uses the small Duplex Envelope.

25 rural churches report that 62% of their Sunday School attendants remain for the Morning Worship; 12 city churches report 44%. Twelve,Allen, Auburn, Davenport, Eagle, Gurley, Hildreth, Lincoln (St. James), Potter, Rising City, Stamford, Walton, and York report over 75%. Five, Falls City, Hampton, Hooper, Omaha (Kountze Memorial) and Verdon, have 100% by virtue of the Combination Service or something similar. 4 answer indefinitely, which means they don't know.

Ten, Auburn, Davenport, Hampton, Hardy, Leigh, Potter, Rising City, Spencer, Stamford and Verdon, report all councilmen in the Sunday School; 31 report some, 6 none.

31 Pastors teach regularly; 17 supervise or advise, only 1 is a Superintendent. Six take no part in the Church School, because of services at other churches in the parish.

### Section on Church Societies

**Young People.** None report Young People's Societies entirely social in character. Two have none; 6 do not answer the question.

27 experience difficulty in keeping young people from drifting; 15 have no difficulty; 5 leave the question unanswered. Solutions for the problem center in Personal work (4), Definite duties and responsibilities (6), Co-operation of home and parents (4), and other suggestions.

**Brotherhood.** Only 15 churches have one, the membership averaging 27. Nine of these are affiliated with the Synodical or U. L. C. A. Brotherhoods, or both. 11 pastors consider this organization successful, 2 say "No."

The reason for existence of practically all organizations is justified, as 40 report none which is not for the church first. One reports one group "doubtful."

### Section on Church Finances

**Getting the Money.** Answere as to method were varied and obviously incomplete.

33 have a thorough Every Member Canvass, 12 do not, 2 do not answer. Benefits named summarize in Results (12), Personal contact (8), Interest and information (10), Growth of membership (2), Development of leaders (1).

34 use the Duplex Envelopes; of 12 who do not, some specify "Single," and we presume others use them also.

18 send quarterly statements to contributors; 27 do not.

**Number of Contributors.** 35 churches (communing membership 4,426), report a total of 3,615 contributors to Current Expenses; 3,271 of these or 90%, contribute to Benevolences.

25 churches report 2,238 of their 3,973 confirmed members, or 56%, contribute to Benevolence also. Including Kountze Memorial, 63% of confirmed members contribute to Current Expenses, and 94% of these to Benevolence also.

Seven churches, Benedict, Davenport, Falls City, Hildreth, McCool Junction, Omaha (Kountze Memorial), and Tekamah have more contributors than communing members.

Eleven churches, Dakota City (Salem), Davenport, Emerson, Falls City, Hooper, Lincoln (St. James), North Platte, Omaha (Kountze Memorial), Omaha (Redeemer), Rising City, and Tekamah, have as many contributors for Benevolence as for current expenses, but the first two and the last named use the single envelopes.

**Spending the Money.** 36 operate on a budget; 2 partly, 8 not at all.

**Benevolence.** 29 remit to Synod monthly. Some of the 18 who do not so remit, give as excuses: Irregular income (7), dependence on special offerings (2), Local expense (1), Insufficient income (4).

17 report that they pay in full, but 13 do not answer the question, some of whom do pay it. The 17 who explain their failure, give as reasons: Lack of effort (3), Insufficient income (6), Business conditions (2), Local conditions (2), Indifference (2), apportionment "too high" (2).

17 have a separate Benevolence Treasurer. An anylsis indicates no apparent relationship between this office and the monthly payment of Benevolences.

**Pastor's Salaries.** To arrive at the average salary paid, we added the allowance for rent where no parsonage is provided (4 cases for $1800), and estimated the rental value of parsonages (29 provided, averaging $33.80 per month), for this is actually income. The average salary of 41 pastors, then, is $2,344 per annum. 37 report that it is paid regularly, 4 usually, 4 say "No."

8 pay all of the pastors' Office Expense, 7 pay part, 31 none. None report a car furnished, but 3 grant a small allowance on the expense of operating same.

**Improvements.** 20 churches report $8,993 of improvements which increase the value of the property. 11 report $4,101 which does not increase value; this is not improvements, it is **maintenance.** 9 report "None."

**Teaching Work.** Twelve report $2,709 budgeted for teaching work though we cannot tell whether by the Church Council or the Church School itself. 23 say they budget nothing—meaning, probably, by the Church Council. 12 do not answer the question.

### Section on Church Records

**General Records.** 12 protect them by keeping them in a safe or bank vault; 13 leave them in the custody of the pastor; 18 make no provision, which means the same thing. 4 do not answer.

The records of 33 are in good order; of three, this is true only of recent records; 7 are fair, and 4 are poor.

26 churches have a complete history, according to reports; 9 have a partial record, 2 more only for recent years; nine records do not cover the history.

14 use the Parish Register; 3 use the old form, and this is probably true of many of the 27 who answer "No."

**Specific Records.** Only one, South Sioux City, reports a common treasury for all organizations; 44 have separate treasuries for each; 2 do not answer. In 21 churches, all treasurer's reports are audited; in 1, part of them; in 24, none. Treasurers are all bonded in one case; some of them in three others; none in 43. 42 of the congregations keep bank accounts, and in 39 all organizations do the same; though in 6 others some of the organizations do.

With only 2 exceptions, all Church Officers keep correct and adequate records.

In 11 churches, all secretaries draw orders on the Treasurer for disbursements; in 7, some of them do; in 27, none.

**Reports.** Only four, Emerson, Falls City, Lincoln (Grace), and Omaha, (Kountze Memorial), use the Standard Report Blanks for organizations and officers; likely the 41 who do not use them, and the 2 who do not answer, are not acquainted with the forms.

34 Financial Secretaries and 36 Treasurers report monthly to Church Councils, 39 and 42, respectively, annually to the congregations. Why they do not all report is a question that bears investigation.

In 42 congregations, the pastor reports to the church council regularly; in 44 to the congregation annually.

Reports are regularly filed in 28 congregation.

### Section on Miscellaneous Items

**Assistants and Assistance.** Three churches have paid workers beside the pastor; 2 have associate pastors, 2 have secretaries, 2 have parish workers. The total number is 5 workers, exclusive of pastors.

32 pastors have one church, though 2 of these report another preaching point. 7 pastors have 2 churches, and 2 have 3 (complete synodical record on this item).

Of the 47 reporting, 43 are self-supporting. The 4 missions receive from the Board a total of $2,000 annually.

**Church Properties.** 40 reported being adequately insured, but your Committee observing their percentages, changed 3 from "Yes" to "No." We consider anything under 60% inadequate insurance. Of the 37, 24 who reported percentages are insured for an average of 72% of valuation; 7 of the 8 who do not carry enough, have an average of 38%.

3 properties are reported in excellent condition; 32 good, 8 fair, 2 poor, 1 has no property, 1 does not answer.
Only one has a parish house, using it for Church School purposes.

**Mission Work.** 30 report no Home Mission Work; 12 say nothing, which means the same. Five do carry on work thru Sunday Schools, state institutions, adjacent preaching points, and new work.

Only one of the 47 reports other Sunday Schools and that one has 3.

For Inner Mission Work, 21 name Tabitha Home, 8 have local charity, 2 report other work. 11 say "none." 10 do not answer which means the same.

**Personnel.** 41 churches report the number of families. These have 7,673 confirmed members (1929 report) in 3,571 families, an average of 2.15 in each. Including Kountze Memorial, the average is 1.94 per family.

41 churches report that 43% of their membership is men.

33 churches report 259 men and 354 women who can be called "leaders," though one asks, naturally, "What is a leader?" These 613 leaders constitute 18% of the communing membership (3,330) of these 33 churches.

**Publicity.** 25 have a weekly bulletin or parish paper; a few have both. Only two budget for newspaper advertising, and these only $25 a year (total). For 7, the pastor is the official reporter; in 11 others, someone is appointed; in 26, no provision is made.

**General.** Twelve report the work becoming more difficult, twelve less difficult, 14 stationary.

A great many more analyses and comparisons might have been made, but we have selected only a few items. We have not chosen to draw general conclusions , but prefer to present the facts and let them tell the story.

### Recommendations

We recommend,

1. That in view of the fact that many questions on the blank are so worded as to call forth indefinite answers, or replies of no value because based on different conceptions of what is wanted, that the 1931 Committee have the privilege of formulating definite questions on the report blanks before mailing.

2. That since many replies remain essentially unchanged from year to year, the Committee be permitted to ask only for certain items subject to more frequent change, each year, and solicit a full and complete report at longer intervals.

3. That so far as possible, the personnel of the Committee be more permanent, that it may capitalize on its experiences.

4. That the 1931 Committee be instructed to develop some particular phase of the work which shows a weakness, as revealed in this report. The acceptance of this recommendation implies willingness to co-operate.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on State of the Church,
**L. H. Steinhoff, Chairman**

The Report was adopted.

Rev. L. H. Steinhoff read the Report of the Directors of Midland Assembly.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDLAND ASSEMBLY FOR CHURCH WORKERS

The Annual Midland Assembly for Church Workers was held in Fremont on August 4 to 10, 1930.

### Faculty

The following appeared on our Faculty: Dr. C. O. Solberg, President of the Chicago Lutheran Bible School, Mr. Arthur P. Black, Executive Secretary, Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship, Dr. Arline Beal, Missionary in India on furlough, Dr. O. D. Baltzly, of Omaha, Dr. Holmes Dysinger of Fremont, Rev. C. O. Gulleen, President of the Nebraska Conference of the Augustana Synod, Mrs. C. E. Paulus, of Chicago, Ill., Miss Belle Rogers of Fremont, who had charge of the Junior Assembly. Dr. C. H. B. Lewis and Dr. W. F.

Rangeler taught the two credit courses. President A. O. Frank led the morning devotions, and Rev. J. L. Sawyer was in charge of the music.

**Registrations**

The registration was about the same as that in 1929, reaching a total of 272. Of this number, 228 were from this Synod, 27 from other constitutent Synods of the U. L. C. A., 2 from other Lutheran bodies, and 15 from 4 other denominations. 54 parishes were represented, and 43 pastors were in attendance.

**General Information**

The publicity was in charge of Rev. L. H. Steinhoff; the funds solicited and handled by Mrs. G. E. Hickman. Officers elected for the year 1930-31 were: President, Rev. A. O. Frank, Auburn; Secretary, Rev. L. H. Steinhoff, Tekamah; Treasurer, Mrs. G. E. Hickman, Fremont. Since the removal of Rev. Frank from the territory, the President of Synod has been asked to serve as Acting Chairman of the Executive Committee.

**1931 Assembly**

Another strong program is being arranged for the 1931 Assembly, August 3 to 9, with three credit courses under Dr. Lewis, Dr. Rangeler, and Miss Rogers. Others on the faculty include Dr. Leander S. Keyser of Springfield, Ohio, Rev. Nels Lundgren of Omaha, Mrs. Katherine Morehead of Salem, Virginia, Mrs. H. C. Bell of Philadelphia, and Mrs. K. deFreese of Omaha.

**Recommendations**

The Board of Directors of Midland Assembly recommends that Article XII of the Constitution, concerning AMENDMENTS, be amended as follows:

Excise the words "by the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Nebraska" and substitute "by the Executive Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska."

Respectfully Submitted,
L. H. Steinhoff, Secretary

The Recommendation was adopted.

The Report was adopted.

Rev. W. C. Heidenreich read the Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS**

Your committee on Resolutions reports the following:

Resolved that we pledge Dr. H. F. Martin our loyal support to Midland College and Western Theological Seminary and express our faith and confidence in him as president of the intitutions.

Resolved, that we are in hearty sympathy with the efforts put forth for the enforcement of law and that we endorse all aducational programs seeking to counteract the sinister propaganda against the Constitution of the United States and especially the Eighteenth Amendment.

Resolved, that we express our appreciation to the pastor and congregation of the church in which we have been so happily enter-

tained. Also to the choir and the ladies and any others who have made our stay in Stamford so pleasant.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. Heidenreich, Chairman

The Report was adopted.

Rev. H. C. Cordts read the Report of the Committee on Speakers and Chaplains.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SPEAKERS AND CHAPLAINS

Your committee reports the following:

Communion Sermon—Rev. P. W. H. Fredrick, D. D., Alternate, Rev. C. B. H. Lewis, D. D.

Ordination Sermon—Rev. Horace Martin, D. D., Ph. D., Alternate, Rev. O. W. Ebright.

Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Sawyer, Alternate, Rev. W. H. Saas.

Organist—Rev. E. A. Vosseler.

Choirister—Rev. F. A. Kunz.

Oliver D. Baltzly

The Report was adopted.

Rev. A. W. Young read the Report of the Committee on Leave of Absence.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The following members of Synod have presented excuses to your committee on Leave of Absence and we recommend that they be excused as follows: Rev. E. L. Fleck, Rev. J. A. Lowe, and Rev. G. N. Mendenhall from all sessions, Rev. O. D. Baltzly, Rev. K de Freese, Mr. Albert Hedlund from the fifth and sixth sesions, Rev. J. L. Sawyer from the fourth and subsequent sessions, Rev. C. B. Harmon, Rev. W. A. Klink, Mr. Schmidt, Rev. R. A. White, Rev. Spirer.

Respectfully submitted,
A. W. Young

The Report was adopted.

Rev. H. E. Yost read the Report of the Committee on Publicity.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICITY

Your committee has had a fairly successful year in keeping the Lutheran Church before the public. Several local articles and numerous Associated Press dispatches appeared in the leading Nebraska papers during the U. L. C. Convention. Special notice was secured also on the occasion of conference meetings. Then came the Midland College Campaign, and that, too, fared well in publicity. On the occasion of this present convention advance articles have been

sent to "The World-Herald" and "The Bee-News" of Omaha, "The Lincoln Journal" of Lincoln, and "The Tribune" of Fremont. During the convention, accounts of its progress have been forwarded to the above papers; and after its close, final reports will be sent to the same and also "the Lutheran,"

To the duplicate copy of this report have been attached clippings of most of the publicity secured during the year. The committee would recommend that this duplicate with the attached clippings be kept on record in the protocol.

Respectfully submitted,
PUBLICITY COMMITTEE
Hugh E. Yost, Chairman

The Report was adopted.

Carried that 1500 copies of the 1931 Minutes be printed.

Carried that the Claims Committee for the present consist of the President and Secretary of Synod.

Carried that all unfinished business be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

Carried that the Claims Committee allow as transportation: Clergy fare for pastors, and full fare for laymen; and that in case of those coming otherwise than by train, their expenses shall not exceed the above mentioned fare.

Carried that $10 for sexton services be allowed Trinity Lutheran Church of Stamford.

Carried to adjourn.

The President was installed by the Secretary.

The Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Statistician, and Historian were installed by the President.

The Order for the Closing of Synods was conducted by the President.

Adjourned at 5:50 p. m.

(SEAL)

These signatures certify that the above Minutes are the true and corrected Minutes of the Proceedings of the 59th Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, held in Stamford, Nebraska, February 10-11-12, 1931.

W. I. GUSS Pres.

FRED C. WIEGMAN Sec.

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| 1 | Allen | First | 1912 | Miller, J. C. | 1 | 215 | 187 | 96 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 1 | ... | ... | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | ... | ... | 1 | 20 | 137 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 |
| 2 | Auburn | St. Paul's | 1884 | Vacant | 1 | 324 | 218 | 177 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 17 | 201 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 3 | Beatrice | Trinity | 1883 | Lowe, C. R. | 1 | 166 | 136 | 100 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 2 | ... | ... | 1 | 2 | ... | 2 | 65 | ... | 1 | 15 | 97 | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| 4 | Benedict | Bethel | 1882 | Vacant | 1 | 56 | 32 | 23 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 5 | Benedict | Zion | 1881 | Mortensen, E. C. | 1 | 135 | 86 | 74 | 7 | ... | ... | ... | 8 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 4 | ... | 2 | 56 | ... | 1 | 28 | 125 | 3 | 20 | ... | ... | ... |
| 6 | Dakota City | Emmanuel | 1860 | Saas, W. H. | 1 | 44 | 31 | 7 | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 20 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 18 | 8 | 6 | ... | ... | ... |
| 7 | Dakota City | Salem | 1895 | Saas, W. H. | 1 | 236 | 167 | 98 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 12 | ... | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | 1 | 12 | 84 | ... | 14 | 1 | 5 | 60 | 15 |
| 8 | Davenport | Christ's | 1892 | Hershey, J. C. | 1 | 362 | 192 | 172 | 6 | ... | 3 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 1 | ... | 3 | ... | ... | 5 | 120 | 60 | 1 | 32 | 180 | ... | 17 | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| 9 | Emerson | St. Luke's | 1911 | Vacant | 1 | 461 | 324 | 164 | 9 | ... | 2 | 2 | ... | 14 | 2 | ... | 1 | 3 | ... | 15 | 100 | ... | 1 | 22 | 110 | 100 | 45 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 10 | Falls City | St. Paul's | 1913 | Trauterman, F. C. | 1 | 502 | 326 | 242 | 17 | 29 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 75 | 1 | ... | 8 | ... | ... | 7 | 75 | 84 | 1 | 16 | 125 | ... | 60 | 1 | 5 | 52 | 31 |
| 11 | Fremont | Salem | 1902 | Kabele, G. P. | 1 | 643 | 493 | 415 | 31 | 9 | 2 | 24 | 13 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 10 | 2 | 30 | 210 | 94 | 1 | 40 | 363 | 5 | 36 | 1 | 6 | 60 | 40 |
| 12 | Grand Island | St. Paul's | 1882 | Harman, C. B. | 1 | 1230 | 760 | 460 | 50 | 3 | 27 | 35 | 6 | 18 | 2 | 6 | 8 | ... | 6 | 5 | 240 | ... | 1 | 42 | 390 | ... | 58 | ... | ... | ... | 85 |
| 13 | Hampton | Emmanuel | 1916 | Dumler, H. | 1 | 181 | 143 | 104 | 3 | 3 | ... | 5 | ... | 10 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | ... | ... | 60 | ... | 1 | 9 | 100 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17 |
| 14 | Hardy | St. Paul's | 1881 | Davis, R. V. | 1 | 173 | 88 | 75 | 10 | ... | 1 | ... | 8 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 6 | ... | 2 | ... | 7 | 1 | 15 | 125 | ... | 16 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 15 | Hildreth | St. Paul's | 1927 | Dorner, E. A. | 1 | 192 | 140 | 95 | 6 | ... | ... | 7 | ... | 7 | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 6 | ... | 60 | 1 | 13 | 89 | ... | 18 | ... | ... | ... | 50 |
| 16 | Homer | St. Paul's | 1886 | Tranberg, C. P. | 1 | 95 | 93 | 45 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 17 | Hubbard | Trinity | .... | Tranberg, C. P. | 1 | 37 | 37 | 37 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 18 | Hooper | Grace | 1916 | Moeller, W. H. (sply) | 1 | 250 | 179 | 145 | 18 | ... | 1 | 15 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 1 | 8 | ... | 6 | 60 | 25 | 1 | 18 | 142 | ... | 20 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 19 | Leigh | St. John's | 1919 | Kunz, F. A. | 1 | 328 | 210 | 145 | 20 | 25 | 3 | 30 | 17 | ... | ... | 5 | 4 | ... | ... | 20 | 110 | 15 | 1 | 16 | 158 | ... | 38 | ... | ... | ... | 15 |
| 20 | Lincoln | Grace | 1890 | Rubrecht, G. K. | 1 | 709 | 470 | 280 | 13 | 3 | 10 | 6 | 22 | ... | 2 | ... | 5 | 8 | ... | 15 | 120 | 31 | 1 | 30 | 250 | ... | 30 | ... | ... | ... | 22 |
| 21 | Lincoln | St. Jame's | 1925 | Rangeler, R. E. | 1 | 63 | 56 | 45 | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 4 | 7 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 2 | 36 | ... | 1 | 12 | 98 | ... | 12 | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| 22 | Walton | Grace | 1916 | Rangeler, R. E. | 1 | 152 | 109 | 64 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 | ... | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | 24 | ... | 1 | 8 | 55 | ... | 8 | ... | ... | ... | 16 |
| 23 | Eagle | Trinity | 1893 | Rangeler, R. E. | 1 | 38 | 30 | 21 | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 | ... | 1 | 4 | 20 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 24 | Nebraska City | First | 1866 | Vacant | 1 | 187 | 165 | 112 | 4 | ... | 4 | 4 | 10 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 14 | 106 | 2 | 20 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 25 | North Platte | First | 1880 | Wiegman, F. C. | 1 | 1013 | 652 | 362 | 23 | ... | 5 | 22 | 12 | 1 | ... | 8 | 13 | 5 | 2 | 20 | 240 | 62 | 1 | 35 | 240 | 52 | 66 | 1 | 10 | 78 | 30 |
| 26 | Omaha | First | 1907 | Weaver, G. B. | 1 | 438 | 210 | 166 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 125 | 20 | 1 | 30 | 235 | ... | 21 | 1 | 5 | 54 | 35 |
| 27 | Omaha | Grace | 1888 | Mortensen, G. E. | 1 | 323 | 208 | 185 | 18 | 7 | 2 | ... | 4 | 22 | ... | ... | 1 | 3 | ... | ... | 50 | ... | 1 | 21 | 142 | ... | ... | 1 | 4 | 42 | 15 |
| 28 | Omaha | Kountze Mem. | 1857 | Baltzly, O. D. | 1 | 5615 | 4217 | 2284 | 158 | 38 | 59 | 156 | 82 | 64 | 1 | 361 | 25 | 72 | 186 | ... | 675 | ... | 4 | 155 | 1630 | ... | 230 | ... | ... | ... | 350 |
| | | Asso. Pastor | .... | Yost, H. E. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 29 | Omaha | Redeemer | 1917 | De Freese, K. | 1 | 405 | 360 | 190 | 16 | 5 | ... | 32 | 17 | ... | 2 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 13 | 1 | 150 | 58 | 1 | 38 | 398 | ... | 17 | 1 | 6 | 45 | 84 |

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| 30 | Omaha | St. Luke's | 1905 | Ebright, O. W. | 1 | 713 | 513 | 403 | 29 | ... | 5 | 35 | ... | 10 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 8 | ... | 20 | 245 | ... | 1 | 32 | 252 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 40 | | | | |
| | | Assoc. Pastor | .... | Spirer, E. N. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | Omaha | St. Mark's | 1886 | Stump, W. C. | 1 | 365 | 276 | 164 | 2 | ... | ... | 3 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | 15 | 60 | ... | 1 | 20 | 109 | ... | 20 | 1 | 4 | 32 | .... | | | | |
| 32 | Oshkosh | St. Mark's | 1906 | Daubenspeck, W. M. | 1 | 135 | 65 | 18 | 25 | ... | 12 | ... | 3 | 4 | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | 10 | ... | 48 | 1 | 11 | 98 | ... | 10 | ... | ... | ... | 12 | | | | |
| 33 | Lewellen | Grace | 1906 | Daubenspeck, W. M. | 1 | 125 | 70 | 25 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 36 | ... | 1 | 5 | 48 | ... | 10 | ... | ... | ... | .... | | | | |
| 34 | Paxton | Trinity | 1902 | Kemper, C. H. | 1 | 227 | 140 | 91 | 11 | ... | 5 | 3 | ... | 3 | ... | ... | ... | 4 | ... | 3 | 35 | ... | 1 | 12 | 117 | ... | 35 | ... | ... | ... | 21 | | | | |
| 35 | Sutherland | Grace | 1905 | Kemper, C. H. | 1 | 77 | 54 | 44 | 4 | ... | 2 | 7 | 2 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | 1 | 15 | ... | 1 | 6 | 40 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 | | | | |
| 36 | Ponca | Salem | 1856 | Kauffman, C. L. | 1 | 290 | 234 | 153 | 7 | 5 | ... | 18 | 4 | ... | 1 | 8 | ... | 2 | 8 | 10 | ... | 1 | 1 | 15 | 90 | 6 | 25 | 1 | 4 | 36 | 13 | | | | |
| 37 | Rising City | First | 1881 | Vosseler, E. A. | 1 | 310 | 195 | 142 | 4 | ... | 2 | 2 | 3 | ... | ... | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 18 | 85 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 188 | ... | 40 | 1 | 4 | 57 | 15 | | | | |
| 38 | Sidney | Trinity | 1886 | Kahse, W. T. | 1 | 230 | 124 | 90 | 3 | 5 | ... | 8 | 8 | ... | 1 | 1 | 4 | ... | ... | 8 | 35 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 102 | 8 | 8 | ... | ... | ... | 12 | | | | |
| 39 | Gurley | Grace | 1916 | Kahse, W. T. (sply) | 1 | 212 | 114 | 86 | 6 | 11 | ... | 22 | 15 | ... | ... | 18 | ... | 26 | ... | 4 | 40 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 105 | 10 | 18 | ... | ... | ... | 14 | | | | |
| 40 | Potter | First | 1892 | Kahse, W. T. (sply) | 1 | 67 | 42 | 25 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 2 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 30 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .... | | | | |
| 41 | So. Sioux City | First | 1920 | Pinkall, A. | 1 | 281 | 153 | 120 | 12 | ... | ... | 7 | 1 | ... | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 | ... | 2 | 25 | ... | 1 | 20 | 176 | ... | 40 | ... | ... | ... | 32 | | | | |
| 42 | Spencer | .... | .... | Dowler, H. | 1 | 99 | 60 | 49 | 13 | ... | 4 | 4 | 1 | 7 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 15 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 62 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14 | | | | |
| 43 | Stamford | Trinity | 1888 | Young, A. W. | 1 | 179 | 131 | 114 | 8 | ... | 2 | 4 | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | 10 | 30 | ... | 1 | 12 | 121 | ... | 6 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 5 | | | | |
| 44 | Tekamah | Immanuel | 1877 | Steinhoff, L. H. | 1 | 131 | 81 | 65 | 5 | ... | 8 | 6 | 4 | 4 | ... | ... | 2 | 1 | ... | 10 | 75 | 21 | 1 | 17 | 110 | ... | 10 | ... | ... | ... | .... | | | | |
| 45 | Verdon | St. Mark's | 1883 | Rinde, T. D. | 1 | 222 | 148 | 130 | 6 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 8 | ... | ... | 9 | 3 | 20 | 18 | 1 | 20 | 154 | ... | ... | 1 | 4 | 24 | .... | | | | |
| 46 | Stella | Trinity | 1884 | Rinde, T. D. | 1 | 46 | 34 | 17 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 | ... | 1 | 5 | 25 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .... | | | | |
| 47 | Wolbach | Trinity | 1903 | White, R. A. | 1 | 209 | 145 | 106 | 12 | ... | 1 | 17 | ... | ... | 1 | 30 | 4 | ... | 11 | 3 | 60 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 81 | ... | 10 | ... | ... | ... | 30 | | | | |
| 48 | Ericson | First | 1898 | White, R. A. | 1 | 35 | 33 | 19 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 2 | 9 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 | ... | ... | ... | ... | .... | | | | |
| 49 | Wayne | St. Paul's | 1881 | Heidenreich, W. C. | 1 | 488 | 322 | 230 | 14 | 4 | 18 | 10 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 50 | 15 | 1 | 15 | 130 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .... | | | | |
| 50 | Wilber | First | 1889 | Cordts, H. C. | 1 | 186 | 77 | 63 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | 5 | 50 | ... | 1 | 20 | 125 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 | | | | |
| 51 | West Point | Grace | 1874 | Klink, W. A. | 1 | 630 | 400 | 400 | 13 | ... | ... | 18 | 16 | 28 | ... | ... | 9 | ... | 5 | 25 | 135 | 52 | 1 | 26 | 240 | ... | 63 | ... | ... | ... | .... | | | | |
| 52 | York | First | 1927 | Sawyer, J. L. | 1 | 131 | 98 | 64 | 3 | 3 | ... | 6 | 4 | 4 | ... | ... | 2 | 1 | ... | 3 | 50 | 8 | 1 | 12 | 92 | ... | 12 | ... | ... | ... | 14 | | | | |
| 53 | McCool Jct. | First | 1897 | Sawyer, J. L. | 1 | 160 | 102 | 67 | 6 | ... | ... | 5 | ... | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 40 | ... | 1 | 9 | 60 | ... | 12 | ... | ... | ... | 7 | | | | |
| | | Total 1930 | .... | | 53 | 20123 | 13870 | 9068 | 621 | 167 | 191 | 578 | 280 | 305 | 24 | 468 | 125 | 203 | 218 | 321 | 3675 | 701 | 52 | 975 | 8182 | 203 | 1071 | 13 | 61 | 560 | 1030 | | | | |
| | | Total 1929 | .... | | 52 | 19254 | 13014 | 8698 | 658 | 191 | 128 | 583 | 196 | 332 | 15 | 402 | 104 | 215 | 331 | 478 | 4006 | 740 | 51 | 969 | 8099 | 150 | 1060 | 13 | 62 | 603 | 1234 | | | | |
| | | | | Increase | 1 | 869 | 856 | 370 | ... | ... | 63 | ... | 84 | ... | 9 | 66 | 21 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 6 | 83 | 53 | 11 | ... | ... | ... | .... | | | | |
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| 1 | ... | ... | 1 | 5 | 1 | 18 | 2 | 28 | 1 | 20 | 16000 | 4000 | ... | ... | ... | 20000 | 700 | 2488 | 875 | 2864 | 854 | ... | 889 | ... | 87 | 42 | 164 | ... | 248 | 497 | 3361 |
| 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12000 | 4000 | ... | ... | ... | 16000 | 1600 | ... | ... | ... | 1150 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1150 | 1150 |
| 3 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 51 | 1 | 23 | 20000 | 7000 | ... | ... | ... | 27000 | ... | 2843 | 119 | 2464 | 870 | ... | 260 | 6 | 85 | 98 | 104 | ... | 240 | 610 | 3074 |
| 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1000 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1000 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 5 | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 10 | 10000 | 5500 | ... | ... | ... | 15500 | 800 | 2100 | ... | 2100 | 402 | ... | ... | ... | 87 | 17 | 86 | 88 | 188 | 501 | 2700 |
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| 7 | ... | ... | 4 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 14 | 1 | 22 | 10000 | ... | ... | ... | 2200 | 12200 | ... | 2240 | 103 | 2445 | 530 | ... | 50 | ... | 17 | ... | 157 | 180 | 818 | 848 | 2888 |
| 8 | ... | ... | 1 | 2 | ... | ... | 1 | 72 | 2 | 68 | 26000 | 7500 | ... | ... | 544 | 34044 | ... | 2917 | 297 | 3214 | 920 | ... | ... | 17 | 80 | 68 | 886 | 11 | 1186 | 1446 | 4660 |
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| 11 | 4 | ... | 10 | 5 | 1 | 56 | 4 | 167 | 5 | 195 | 100000 | 7000 | ... | ... | ... | 107000 | 89150 | 7438 | 2694 | 10132 | 1857 | ... | 878 | ... | 120 | ... | 421 | 887 | 1328 | 2082 | 12777 |
| 12 | ... | ... | 1 | 11 | ... | ... | 4 | 115 | 2 | 85 | 32000 | ... | 8000 | ... | 4400 | 40400 | ... | 5888 | 882 | 6183 | 1728 | ... | 1112 | ... | ... | 8 | 1068 | 124 | 1924 | 3047 | 9149 |
| 13 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | 1 | 35 | ... | ... | 3000 | 5000 | ... | ... | 850 | 8850 | ... | 2116 | 100 | 2216 | 246 | ... | 884 | ... | ... | ... | 71 | ... | 71 | 317 | 2388 |
| 14 | ... | ... | ... | 4 | ... | ... | 2 | 70 | 1 | 25 | 20000 | 6000 | ... | ... | ... | 26000 | ... | 1988 | 55 | 2028 | 217 | ... | 190 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 64 | 64 | 281 | 2804 |
| 15 | 1 | ... | 2 | 8 | ... | ... | 1 | 18 | 1 | 18 | 9000 | 4500 | ... | ... | ... | 13500 | 8000 | 2870 | 561 | 2987 | 430 | ... | 88 | 6 | 80 | ... | 98 | 88 | 286 | 706 | 3648 |
| 16 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8000 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8000 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24 | ... | 260 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24 | 24 |
| 17 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2000 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2000 | 250 | ... | ... | ... | 0 | ... | 227 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 | 0 |
| 18 | 1 | ... | 6 | 7 | ... | ... | 5 | 70 | 1 | 25 | 25000 | 7500 | ... | ... | ... | 32500 | 1665 | 2297 | 825 | 3122 | 440 | ... | 408 | 20 | ... | ... | 125 | 195 | 370 | 710 | 3841 |
| 19 | 1 | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | 2 | 46 | 1 | 66 | 15000 | 7000 | ... | ... | ... | 22000 | 1400 | 2271 | 985 | 3256 | 882 | ... | 484 | 183 | 50 | 50 | ... | 50 | 882 | 717 | 3973 |
| 20 | ... | 1 | ... | 28 | ... | ... | 4 | 115 | 5 | 147 | 15000 | 5000 | ... | 60 | 18200 | 88200 | 4000 | 7848 | 9888 | 17081 | 1838 | ... | ... | 15 | 197 | 180 | 849 | ... | 814 | 2478 | 19564 |
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| 22 | ... | ... | ... | 5 | ... | ... | 1 | 25 | ... | ... | 8000 | 2000 | ... | ... | ... | 10000 | ... | 1482 | 151 | 1688 | 144 | ... | 208 | ... | 17 | 10 | 28 | ... | 81 | 208 | 1841 |
| 23 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 15 | ... | ... | 8000 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8000 | ... | 418 | ... | 418 | 48 | ... | 87 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 | 87 | 505 |
| 24 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 57 | 1 | 12 | 9000 | 5000 | ... | ... | ... | 14000 | ... | 2800 | 2800 | 5100 | 810 | ... | 838 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 810 | 5910 |
| 25 | 1 | ... | 7 | 6 | 1 | 25 | 5 | 222 | 5 | 90 | 100000 | 10000 | ... | ... | 1020 | 111020 | 15400 | 10481 | 1800 | 11881 | 2410 | ... | ... | 121 | 101 | ... | 1020 | 800 | 1042 | 4831 | 16882 |
| 26 | 1 | ... | 1 | 4 | ... | ... | 2 | 56 | 1 | 28 | 15000 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15000 | 1100 | 8455 | 920 | 8875 | 884 | ... | 888 | ... | ... | 100 | 918 | 84 | 402 | 1088 | 4741 |
| 27 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 26 | 5 | 58 | 2 | 40 | 26000 | ... | ... | ... | 1800 | 27800 | ... | 5058 | 588 | 5681 | 872 | ... | 920 | 8 | 78 | 81 | 88 | 180 | 888 | 1888 | 6881 |
| 28 | 7 | ... | 12 | 115 | 1 | 45 | 5 | 220 | 5 | 810 | 425000 | ... | 15000 | 8126 | 107000 | 550126 | ... | 28245 | 1080 | 29285 | 8480 | ... | 8048 | 200 | 2188 | 788 | 2111 | 781 | 6028 | 14488 | 48784 |
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| 31 | 2 | ... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | 2 | 54 | 1 | 15 | 20000 | 5000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 25000 | ..... | 3232 | 387 | 3619 | 1134 | ... | ..... | 100 | 122 | .... | 501 | 769 | 1492 | 2626 | 6245 | | | | |
| 32 | ... | ... | ... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 36 | 1 | 8 | 4000 | 5572 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 9572 | 1000 | 902 | 300 | 1202 | 190 | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 190 | 1392 | | | | |
| 33 | ... | ... | ... | 4 | .... | .... | 1 | 21 | 1 | 15 | 4000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4000 | ..... | 1000 | 420 | 1420 | 252 | ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 252 | 1672 | | | | |
| 34 | ... | ... | 7 | 1 | .... | .... | 2 | 57 | 1 | 45 | 4000 | 2000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6000 | ..... | 1200 | 427 | 1627 | 617 | ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 16 | 75 | 91 | 708 | 2335 | | | | |
| 35 | 1 | ... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 14 | ... | .... | 4000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4000 | ..... | 525 | 13 | 538 | 195 | ... | ..... | ..... | 26 | .... | ..... | ..... | 26 | 221 | 759 | | | | |
| 36 | ... | ... | 2 | 2 | .... | .... | 2 | 61 | 2 | 35 | 30000 | 7000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 37000 | 2000 | 2000 | 455 | 2455 | 627 | ... | 287 | 18 | 60 | .... | 25 | 152 | 255 | 882 | 3337 | | | | |
| 37 | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | 1 | 21 | 1 | 44 | 1 | 45 | 8000 | 4000 | ..... | ..... | 1100 | 13100 | ..... | 2758 | 248 | 3006 | 914 | ... | ..... | 41 | 126 | 36 | 413 | 633 | 1249 | 2163 | 5169 | | | | |
| 38 | ... | ... | 3 | 2 | .... | .... | 1 | 27 | ... | .... | 7000 | 5500 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12500 | 700 | 1523 | 250 | 1773 | 548 | ... | ..... | 10 | ..... | .... | 199 | .... | 209 | 757 | 2530 | | | | |
| 39 | ... | ... | 2 | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | 20 | 1 | 18 | 4000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4000 | ..... | 1360 | 112 | 1472 | 573 | 38 | ..... | ..... | 72 | 8 | 114 | .... | 194 | 767 | 2239 | | | | |
| 40 | ... | ... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | ... | .... | ... | .... | 4000 | 2500 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6500 | ..... | 395 | 60 | 455 | 158 | ... | ..... | ..... | 25 | .... | 50 | .... | 75 | 233 | 688 | | | | |
| 41 | 2 | ... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | 2 | 45 | 2 | 35 | 24500 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3500 | 28000 | 10000 | 2162 | 500 | 2662 | 718 | ... | ..... | ..... | 64 | 13 | 50 | 57 | 184 | 902 | 3564 | | | | |
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| 43 | ... | ... | 1 | 3 | .... | .... | 2 | 40 | ... | .... | 15000 | 3000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 18000 | 1800 | 1992 | 1618 | 3610 | 340 | ... | 277 | .... | 85 | .... | 160 | .... | 245 | 585 | 4195 | | | | |
| 44 | ... | ... | ... | .... | 1 | 12 | 1 | 27 | 3 | 62 | 15300 | 3500 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 18800 | ..... | 2001 | 417 | 2418 | 344 | 10 | ..... | ..... | 29 | .... | 156 | 203 | 388 | 732 | 3150 | | | | |
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| 47 | ... | ... | ... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | 38 | 3 | 51 | 5000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5000 | ..... | 1040 | 79 | 1119 | 266 | ... | 389 | ..... | 49 | .... | 233 | .... | 282 | 548 | 1667 | | | | |
| 48 | ... | ... | ... | .... | .... | .... | ... | .... | ... | .... | 1200 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1200 | 150 | 73 | 45 | 118 | 25 | ... | 101 | .... | 8 | .... | 25 | .... | 33 | 58 | 176 | | | | |
| 49 | ... | ... | 3 | 1 | .... | .... | 2 | 70 | 2 | 51 | 12000 | 4000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 16000 | ..... | 2969 | 886 | 3855 | 747 | ... | 671 | 15 | 30 | 11 | 169 | 120 | 345 | 1092 | 4447 | | | | |
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| 51 | ... | ... | 1 | 3 | 1 | 36 | 2 | 94 | 1 | 20 | 45000 | 7000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 52000 | ..... | 3698 | 40 | 3738 | 1777 | ... | ..... | ..... | 59 | .... | 702 | 96 | 857 | 2634 | 6372 | | | | |
| 52 | ... | ... | 1 | 3 | 1 | 24 | 2 | 44 | 1 | 14 | 4500 | 4500 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 9000 | 1808 | 1653 | 397 | 2050 | 328 | ... | ..... | ..... | 7 | 5 | 106 | .... | 118 | 446 | 2496 | | | | |
| 53 | 1 | ... | 1 | 9 | 1 | 24 | 2 | 37 | 1 | 18 | 9000 | 3500 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12500 | ..... | 1540 | ..... | 1540 | 365 | ... | ..... | ..... | 7 | 13 | 26 | .... | 46 | 411 | 1951 | | | | |
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